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J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the F. B. I.
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have some questions which are disturbing
me and I hope it is in order for me to ask you
to help me learn the facts relative to them.

First of all is the Federal Council of the
Churches of Christ in America, working in
connection with the Communists

Dr. Gerald B. Winrod
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Second, is Dr. Gerald B. Winrod of Wichita,
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published by Western Voice Publishers, the
same Gerald B. Winrod who was forced out
of the 1938 or 1940 Senatorial race because of
Fascist affiliations?
Thanking you for this information.
Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated June 16, 1948, has been received. I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau, as, in accordance with a long-standing policy, our files are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance. It has occurred to me that the enclosed material might be of some interest to you. The thoughts prompting your communication are indeed appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Menace of Communism (our reprint)
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'Tolerance Formula' For Russia Denounced By Christian Council

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—The American Council of Christian Churches today disputed a statement of proposed American policy toward Russia offered last week by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, declaring it was "contrary to the basic principles of the Christian faith."

It also said the Federal Council's "formula of tolerance," which was proposed as a means of continuing peace with the Soviet Union, "does not represent the position of the historic Christian faith."

The five-year old American Council, composed of 15 national constituent denominations with a church membership of more than 1,000,000, said in a statement signed by its officers:

"The entire Federal Council statement is unrealistic, contrary to the basic principles of the Christian faith and was written in the limelight of pacifist paradise."

It interpreted the "formula of tolerance" as meaning "we are asked unilaterally to renounce war . . . and to renounce our effective national defense." It added:

"Like the Baruch plan for the atomic bomb, we cannot renounce our defenses until there has been a universal agreement which can be relied on for such disarmament. No one desires that an armament race should be encouraged, but it will not be stopped by American withdrawal.

"We are told (in the Federal Council statement) that 'Communism as an economic program for social reconstruction has points of contact with the social message of Christianity.' We deny this. The Ten Commandments form the basis of our social, political and economic order in our free system."

"The solution for our problem, we believe," the council continued, "rests along the road of a strong United States, strong in its love of freedom, its understanding of its Constitution, its opposition to socialism, its place in the United Nations, joining with other freedom-loving lands in securing from Russia conduct which honors the Atlantic Charter which she herself signed."

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American Council Officers Reply to Federal Council's Pronouncement On Russia: A.P. Carries Story

The executive committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, 90 members, unanimously approved a pronouncement on Soviet American Relations and released it October 19. The officers of the American Council of Christian Churches, realizing the obvious pacifism and near-communism advocated in the proposal, immediately prepared an announcement which was released a week later, October 25.

The Associated Press as well as other news agencies gave the American Council's statement wide publicity, just as they did the Federal Council's pronouncement.

The Federal Council's lengthy statement in full is reproduced on pages 2 and 3 of this issue of the *Beacon*. The American Council's reply, signed by Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, president, the Rev. Carl McIntire, vice-president, the Rev. W. O. H. Garman, secretary, and the Rev. Walter S. Patrick, treasurer, is as follows:

The recent deliverance of the executive committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America on Russian relations and the plan of peace with Russia does not speak for all the Protestants of the United States.

As officials of the American Council of Christian Churches we declare that it does not represent the position of the historic Christian faith, and there are thousands in the Federal Council's denominations themselves that cannot follow this line.

Under the subject of maintaining peace with Russia, the Federal Council has given expression to its extreme pacifist position and its socialist principles. If the program suggested were followed, it would mean the destruction of free America, either by force from Russia or by internal social revolution, or revolution "by consent." The depravity of man, as revealed in the Bible, the tyranny of state socialism and atheistic material-

I. PACIFISM

First, we are asked unilaterally to renounce war, and second, to renounce our effective national defenses. We are told, "It must be made clear that our nation utterly renounces for itself the use internationally of the method of intolerance. . . . The American people must be resolved never to advance their own faith by forcibly crushing out such another faith."

Yet, American exercised the way of "intolerance" when she used her power to crush the aggressive tyranny of Hitlerism, and in its place she desires to give her faith — freedom!

The principles underlying this position are the same as the Council advocated in the postwar period immediately following the

first World War with such havoc and disaster for our national defense. Like the Baruch plan for the atomic bomb, we cannot renounce our defenses until there has been a universal agreement which can be relied upon for such disarmament. To advocate that Russia would be influenced by "our example" in the renunciation of bases which we presently hold and that we retreat from our geographical position completely ignores the nature of the Russian peril. This is the Henry Wallace philosophy. To tell us "security is no longer geographic" is pacifism's idiocy. That security is geographic is the basis of all Russia's advance over the eastern European countries which our boys died to free. It is the conflict over Trieste and the Dardenelles. No one desires that an arms race should be encouraged, but it will not be stopped by American withdrawal. Jesus Christ uttered the principle: America must heed now, "No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house" (Mark 8:27).

II. SOCIALISM

The Federal Council's discussion of our capitalistic system and state socialism indicates that the way to dissolve the dilemma is by our changing our system of capitalism for some form of socialism. Then we can persuade Russia to abandon her fear of capitalism because America has embraced the socialistic economic principles for the organization of her society. We are, in effect, to satisfy Russia by

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American Council Officers Reply

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abandoning our free capitalistic system. We are told that "communism as an economic program for social reconstruction has points of contact with the social message of Christianity." We deny this. The Ten Commandments form the basis of our social, political, and economic order in our free system. The eighth commandment gives the divine right to private property, ownership, and enterprise: "Thou shalt not steal." This establishes the private enterprise system as opposed to the atheistic slavery of men in the controlled and planned economy of Russia.

This so-called social message of Christianity stated in the Federal Council's Social Creed as follows, "Social planning and control of the credit and monetary system and economic processes for the common good," is the same as the Soviet constitution.

Again, to tell us, "Neither state socialism nor free enterprise provides a perfect economic system: each can learn from the experience of the other" is spurious. The one and only thing we can learn from state socialism is that it is totalitarian, atheistic in principle, and will destroy the dignity of human life as guaranteed under the law of God. Our system of free enterprise is not perfect, but it is the best system ever devised, for the principles underlying it of the responsibility of the individual to God for his life and property, his freedom of conscience, have divine warrant in the Bible. The state, as "the minister of God to thee for good" (Rom. 13:4) must preserve our freedom under God.

It is the attempt of the Federal Council in its statement to tear away our free society from the foundations on which it rests and to give it a place in the "state of flux" and "experimentation" which it explains is taking place in the world that is so disastrous. To aid this attitude, we are told, "changes the law of life." We reply, Truth does not change; the Author of liberty has not changed His formula for human freedom; freedom as expressed in the Constitution and Bill of Rights of the United States does not change. To follow the pattern suggested in this pronouncement would utterly destroy the Constitution of the United States. To tell us that Christians "should seek an economic system which does not in fact impair the existence of religious and intellectual freedom" when we already have one is, of course, to obscure the entire issue. The controlled economy of the socialist society, as we have just seen illustrated in the experience of meat under the OPA, cannot function unless both the producer and the consumer are controlled. Controls to succeed must be absolute. There is no compromise between freedom and the socialist state.

It is very well to talk about exchanging cultures and interchanging ideas and visits, etc., with the Russian system, but the Federal Council has ignored the "iron curtain." This is the big factor which is absent from the Federal Council's plan and which destroys their wishful thinking. It is not an objective difference of faith which divides; the world

is cut in two by an iron ax! Even after the Federal Council leads America into its new socialized social order, how does it consider it to be reasonable that these ideas will lead the Soviet leaders to pull up their curtain?

III. CONFUSION, CONTRADICTION

There are a number of splendid statements made by the Federal Council, but these, fitted into the total picture, will mislead and confuse. For instance, "War with Russia can be avoided and it must be avoided without compromise of basic convictions." There is not an American anywhere who will not heartily approve of that, but what are the basic convictions? When these basic convictions turn out later to be pacifist and socialist, we are forced to turn aside. To talk about the sacredness of human personality and to insist that all men must recognize it is of little value when those on the other side of the iron curtain believe that human life belongs to the state and not to God, and it is impossible for us to reach them with the truth. To cherish human freedom in one breath and to advocate a socialist economy in the next is a contradiction.

The entire Federal Council statement is unrealistic, contrary to the basic principles of the Christian faith, and was written in the limelight of pacifist paradise. We are convinced that the world will not be able to exist half free and half slave, half atheistic and half Christian. Atheistic half will not permit Russia's size and potential are too great.

The solution for our problem, we believe, rests along the road of a strong United States, strong in its love of freedom, its understanding of its Constitution; its opposition to socialism, its military potential, its place in the United Nations, joining with other freedom loving lands in securing from Russia conduct which honors the Atlantic Charter which she herself signed. The freedoms mentioned there, particularly the first two which she does not have, must be given to the conquered countries which were aided and liberated. Those first two freedoms must also be honored in Russia's world or there can be no free intercourse between the two worlds. Without this one world is a dream and a delusion. There is no evading the issue. America needs to stand up strongly and clearly by the principles of the Atlantic Charter if we are to have the world for which we fought. Our failure to do this gave Russia her present

advantage and gains which she secured at Yalta, Techeran, and Potsdam. The forces of freedom suffered at the conference table and enslaved many people. They must take things in hand and use the United Nations as an instrument for a free world.

There is nothing in the statement issued by the Federal Council which could not have been equally true as a peace plan to get along with Hitler. The same arguments of tolerance, unilateral disarmament, socialization could have been applied with equal force to a peace plan with Hitler.

In this world of depravity and sin peace is not brought at the price of ignoble surrender and the socialization of America. We believe that the time has come for Christians to realize where the Federal Council is leading them. To talk about human freedom and to advocate a social order to condition the country for this revolutionary change which will involve the abridgement of freedom is, of course, the product of spiritual blindness! We believe that God has sent this blindness to the Federal Council leaders because they have turned away from full belief in His infallible Word.

The American Council appeals to every freedom-loving American to oppose the voluminous near-communist propaganda such as that the Federal Council theorists are offering. Ideologies whose terminus is economic, political, religious enslavement are bidding for acceptance and support. They must be resisted with all the strength of those who would bequeath true freedom to their children, and who would hope to rekindle freedom's flame where among millions of earth's populous atheistic communism has replaced it with a reign of terror and tyrant-masters dare not lift an iron curtain to display to a horrified world.

There needs to be an appeal to Almighty God for help. The absence of this on the part of the church's leadership is fatal. God must help and deliver us. We must repent of our sins, individual and national. The nation must come back to the God of our fathers before it is too late. He alone can deliver us from confusion and give to our leaders the guidance and courage which they must have to deal with forces of tyranny which are being let loose upon the earth. It is spiritual revival or ruin which we face. We appeal to the Christians of America to turn back to God's Word and humbly beseech Him for His mercy and forgiveness in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Federal Council of Churches Plan for Peace With Russia

Following is the text of a statement on Soviet-American relations submitted by the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace and adopted by the executive committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America:

War with Russia can be avoided and it must be avoided without compromise of basic convictions. Tensions exist which constitute a serious threat to world peace. That fact must be faced realistically and at the same time with courage and vision. It demands a new way of international accommodation which will reckon with fundamental differences in outlook and practice. If the nations find that way in our time, they may set the pattern of a peaceful future. Men should be impelled by a sense of urgency even greater than that which made them determined, resourceful, and cooperative to win the war.

I

Unavoidable Tensions and the Method of Tolerance

The beliefs which we hold as Christians are different in many essential respects from those of the Soviet leaders.

"It is the Christian faith that God's righteous rule is over all men and nations; that in Christ He confronts us all alike in judgment and mercy; that men, though sinful, are made in His image and are not only the content of His saving work but His ends as well, each of value in His sight without distinction of class, race or condition; that the Church, the body of Christ and the fellowship of Christ's followers, is the creation of His spirit, and the steward of His purpose; that His Kingdom on earth is an unconquerable kingdom of justice and mercy and truth in which it is our responsibility to bring human laws and human institutions into increasing accord with His holy will." (National Study Conference on the Churches and World Order, Cleveland, January, 1945.)

"Our dedication, therefore, is to the progressive realization of the dignity and worth of man in every area of life—political, economic, social, and religious—to the world-wide achievement of man's individual freedom, under God, to think, to believe, and to act responsibly according to the dictates of his own conscience.

can people falling into this death trap. They should know, from their own experience, that it is possible for irreconcilable and dynamic beliefs to subsist side by side in peace. That, however, is possible because our American society measurably accepts the principles of the following requirement.

Second, all men must renounce the effort to spread abroad their way of life by methods of intolerance.

The method of tolerance begins with recognition of the sacredness of the individual human personality. From that it follows that men should not be subjected to compulsion in matters of faith and reason. Individuals must be free to believe as their reason and conscience dictate. They must be permitted to propagate their faith by reason or emotional appeal and by the persuasion of good example. Governments, parties, and other organizations must refrain from imposing or promoting their own particular faith by means which involve violence or intimidation, legal privilege or legal disability, or fraud founded on concealment.

It is that formula of tolerance which makes it possible to combine peace and diversity. Also, it is the formula which best assures sustained human development because it makes possible a peace which is more than stagnation and sterility. It endows peace with the richness of diversity and experimentation and the stimulus of competition. It does not require any to be intellectually or spiritually tolerant of beliefs or practices which seem to them to be evil. It does require all to recognize that no end, however good it may seem, should be sought by foul means.

Third, the United States must accept primary responsibility to secure international acceptance of the method of tolerance.

The American nation knows the method of tolerance. Our people have used that method—even though imperfectly—for 160 years. They know that it can work both for peace and progress. They have learned that they cannot disregard it with impunity. They are equipped by experience to explain, and by faith to persuade. The American people and their government ought to dedicate themselves to do that with all

27,749,967 in 25 Sects To Receive Peace Plan

The statement of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America on Soviet-American relations will be made available to the twenty-five national denominations comprising the Council, with a membership of 27,749,967.

It underwent considerable revision by the Council's Commission of a Just and Durable Peace and by the executive committee, composed of ninety delegated representatives of the twenty-five denominations, before it was adopted without a dissenting vote.

Discussion of the statement began June 6. The drafting committee consisted of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Resident Bishop of the New York Area of the Methodist Church, chairman; Prof. O. Frederick Nolde of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Clinchy, minister of the First Church of Christ, Hartford, Conn.

Members of the commission who served in ex officio capacities were John Foster Dulles, commission chairman; the Rev. Walter W. Van Kirk and the Rev. Richard M. Fagley, secretaries.

do not cloak a selfish desire on the part of those who want peace to be a static condition, to bear down on all who seek change.

Second, security is no longer geographic.

Soviet and American military strategists seem still to be seeking security in terms of geography. In an effort to catch up with the increasing range and speed of missiles, they would extend further and further the areas over which their nation has military control. Thus, large areas of the world fall within overlapping strategic orbits. Islands of the Atlantic and the Pacific, Germany, the Balkans, the Mediterranean, and Far East and Near East areas are looked upon by one or another as needed for a defense, which to others seems to carry an offensive

prescribed by the Soviet Communist party. Soviet leadership seeks, by physical power where that is convenient and by propaganda and penetration elsewhere, to bring Communists into positions of influence in the other communities of the world.

The United States practices a form of free enterprise. By credits, trade agreements and like measures it seeks to keep as much of the world as possible on a free enterprise basis. Each system, fearing economic encirclement, tends to encircle.

We cannot expect the proponents of either State socialism or free enterprise to abandon their beliefs. But they need not, on account of their beliefs, hate or despise each other. Only blind fanaticism looks upon either system as perfect. The free enterprise system has yet to prove that it can assure steady production and employment. It has yet to prove that it can continuously provide industrial workers with that sense of individual creativeness which gives greater satisfaction than mere material possession. The Soviet experiment has yet to prove that it can develop high productive efficiency or that it is compatible with human freedom.

Several Western democracies are trying some moderate socialistic experiments designed to assure full production and employment while preserving religious, intellectual and political freedom. Soviet socialism has changed much, particularly in placing greater dependence upon the incentive of personal gain. The free enterprise system in the United States has developed such forms of social security as unemployment and retirement benefits which a few years ago would have been judged incompatible with the system.

The economics of the nations are in a state of flux and experimentation. Christians must hold fast to their belief in human freedom and the sacredness of the human personality. They should seek an economic system which does not in fact impair the exercise of religious and intellectual freedom. But they cannot safely be dogmatic. No economic system that now exists can properly be treated as wholly the expression or wholly the negation of Chris-

from which international tensions arise.

Every effort should be made to bring the United Nations to develop moral law into more tangible expression in international law. Nations will be more disposed to cooperate through a world organization and to rely upon it for their security when they have agreed upon the laws which they are to observe and to the observance of which the world organization is dedicated.

IV

Democracy and the Well-Being of Man

The occasion for tension will largely be removed if the democratic peoples will make their political institutions so vigorous and life-giving that men everywhere will want them. That is the surest way to relieve the competitive strain.

A democratic people can, and should, retain antipathy to dictatorship. Their opposition, however, should not be sterile denunciation. The American people must make their democracy work. Racial intolerance, discrimination, and oppression are a standing negation of democracy and Christian morality. Only as we establish a good society at home can we expect that our society will have a spiritual appeal to the masses of mankind.

The fact that many throughout the world are attracted by Soviet communism is not a measure of its adequacy. That is still an unproved factor. Rather, the attraction measures disillusionment caused by certain inadequacies of democracy. Americans must undertake at once the task of remedial action within their own borders. Individuals must develop further in themselves the sense of social responsibility and self-reliance without which individual freedom is neither socially tolerable nor beneficial. There is need to show that a free society can maintain a steady flow of production and its equitable distribution. There is need to bring about greater observance of human rights and freedoms for all without distinction as to race or religion. Particularly must America do away with the widely prevalent double standard of personal relations and citizenship applied to Negro Americans. The American people must prove to

ties in the world. Therefore, continuing tensions are unavoidable.

Not all Americans hold the Christian faith or hold it to the same extent. Thus, not all will experience the same degree of tension. But enough hold that faith, and hold it devotedly, to make peace at the price of its compromise impossible. Moreover, in our land there is a general acceptance of a way of life which permits every individual freely to choose his belief and to carry out its implications. We are convinced that the American people preponderantly cherish that way and will, with all their power, defend it when it is threatened. To the extent that the way of life propagated by Soviet leadership differs from our way of life, the American people as a whole will experience a state of tension.

Despite these differences, peace is possible. We are convinced that a dynamic and fruitful peace can prevail in a world society where conflicts of faith are unavoidable. This will be possible if three requirements are met:

First, the existence of conflicting beliefs must be considered as normal.

People everywhere must recognize that differing beliefs and practices are normal in world society, now and in the future. Also, they must see that those who hold beliefs firmly will seek to propagate them without dilution or compromise.

There is widespread feeling that if different beliefs and institutions come internationally into competitive contact, armed conflict is inevitable. That is why some identify world peace with world conformity. Others seek peace in terms of zones of influence which would insulate one faith from another. When neither attitude is practical, as is the case today, they become obsessed with fear. Many followers of Marx preach that armed conflict between communism and "capitalist democracy" is inevitable. A like opinion is held by many in the Western democracies.

Such attitudes account for much of the danger in the present situation. Fear and suspicion lead to acts which, intended to be defensive, seem to others offensive. That in turn creates more fear and suspicion. Under these conditions differences which are unavoidable are aggravated and the area of difference is increased by differences and misunderstandings which are unnecessary. Tension mounts until war can become inevitable merely because many people have erroneously thought it inevitable.

Avoidable Tensions and the Method of Adjustment

Differences of belief which are inevitable are often aggravated by differences or clashes of interest which are unnecessary. There are many unnecessary differences between the Soviet Union and the Western democracies and they provide an important field for remedial action. It is easy for us to see how Soviet leaders can act to dispel many such differences. It is harder for Americans to see what the United States should do. However, the Christian way is to think first of what we can do. That, indeed, is the practical course for what we can do is within our power. Also, while one side alone cannot end tensions of dual origin, it can make mutuality of effort easier and more likely. The search should not be for ways to placate Soviet leaders irrespective of moral judgment or righteous conviction. Rather, the effort should be to eradicate from our own national position features which cannot be morally or intellectually justified.

First, change is not of itself evil.

Soviet leadership is dynamic. It emerged through violent revolution and has, with fluctuating intensity, worked for a world-wide revolution of the proletariat. Latterly its dynamism has assumed a more nationalistic and traditional form. During the last decade, the U.S.S.R. has been enlarging its domain beyond that of the States which formed the Union in 1923.

The United States is, and for about fifty years has been, predominantly a status quo power. It reached a mature and balanced territorial development. This led it to identify peace with perpetuation of the existing territorial and political order.

The American people need to get over the idea that peace is a static condition. Change is the law of life. That does not mean that all change is good. It does mean that to oppose all change is a sure way to violence.

Although it was to be expected that a dynamic Soviet leadership would seek to restore and protect the national domain, yet Christians cannot condone methods of violence which have often been used. Particularly, they cannot condone the purges wrought upon newly acquired peoples or the taking from these peoples of political, intellectual, and religious liberty. They ought to work unceasingly to correct such injustices. That salutary process is, indeed, envisaged by Article 14 of the United Nations Charter. But it should be clear that moral condemnation of Soviet methods and

probably lead to the destruction of both. Such secret competition breeds the suspicion, fear, and hostility which make war inevitable.

We believe that every effort should be made to apply the provisions of the United Nations Charter for the regulation and multilateral reduction of national armaments. The proposal for an Atomic Development Authority is a good start in that direction. The Authority would provide true world government within a defined area. That functional approach seems practical and susceptible of enlargement to deal with other means of mass destruction besides atomic energy. Our nation should persist in this course.

Fourth, neither state socialism nor free enterprise provides a perfect economic system; each can learn from the experience of the other.

The Soviet Union practices a form of State socialism which is

man welfare. But if they seek to realize those goals competitively, the result may be that human misery and distress will be exploited by each for ulterior purposes. Increased ill-will may result. That will not happen if the United Nations is used, as it was intended to be used: "To achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character." The United Nations can be a medium for courteous and frank discussion of international issues for harmonizing divergent points of view. It can become a center where nations organize together projects designed to meet commonly recognized needs and gain commonly endorsed ends. By working together they can develop sympathetic understanding, a sense of comradeship, increased trust and tolerance. In such ways the United Nations can become an effective agent for striking at the basic political, economic and social causes

world. The resulting atmosphere would make it possible to deal in a friendly and fair way with the perplexing post-war problems, including those involved in the peace settlements.

We do not say this in any spirit of easy optimism. We would only delude ourselves if we did not look on the future as one which contains many elements of peril. That, however, is no reason for despair. The future has always been a future of peril. Often the perils have been hidden so that there has been no defense against them. Also, those perils brought them no opportunity comparable to risk. This time the perils are seen; possible defenses are at hand, and the vigorous dynamic spirit which produces the peril can also produce an era of unprecedented progress. Thus, men have great opportunity at the price of measurable risk. More than this they should not ask.

To meet and overcome the perils that beset mankind is a task that cannot be accomplished without a united effort by all Americans of every faith and indeed by all men of good-will throughout the world. We appeal to all such. Also, as representatives of Protestant churches in this country, we direct a special appeal to our constituents.

In the years when our nation was in its formative stage Protestant Christians played a leading part in developing our political system. They were men of strong and uncompromising faith. To a considerable extent they held different and irreconcilable beliefs. They knew from bitter experience in other lands what would be the consequences if each sought by violent and unscrupulous means to make his belief prevail. So they banned the use of such intolerant methods. Thereby they found the way to permit differences of belief to subsist, on the one hand consistently with peace and on the other hand without sacrifice of moral or intellectual integrity or of a sense of mission.

Today we face, at the international level, the same problem they faced at the national level. Many do not see that, for it is a long time since the international scene has been dominated by strongly conflicting faiths. Protestant Christians because of their background ought to be the first to diagnose the true nature of the present problem and to see how it can be solved. We need to put to use the precious heritage which has been left us.

Let us, then, inspired by our tradition and our faith, go forward

into increasing accord with His holy will." (National Study Conference on the Churches and World Order, Cleveland, January, 1945.)

"Our dedication, therefore, is to the progressive realization of the dignity and worth of man in every area of life—political, economic, social, and religious—to the world-wide achievement of man's individual freedom, under God, to think, to believe, and to act responsibly according to the dictates of his own conscience. This, we believe, is indispensable if God's will for man is to be fulfilled." (The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Columbus, March, 1946.)

Within the Soviet Union there are many people who share such Christian beliefs. Moreover, communism as an economic program for social reconstruction has points of contact with the social message of Christianity as in its fervent concern for the underprivileged and its insistence on racial equality. However, Marxist communism in its orthodox philosophy stands clearly opposed to Christianity. It is atheistic in its conception of ultimate reality and materialistic in its view of man and his destiny. Its utopian philosophy of history lacks the essential Christian notes of divine judgment, divine governance and eternal victory. Its revolutionary strategy involves the disregard of the sacredness of personality which is fundamental in Christianity.

Such differences will never be removed by compromise or surrender of faith by Christians. Also, Christians will not renounce, as to any part of the world, the right to go and preach the gospel, teaching men to obey what Christ commanded. They will seek, everywhere, institutions and practices which reflect what they believe to be God's will for man. On the other hand, we cannot realistically anticipate that Soviet leadership will, at an early date, compromise its beliefs or institutions in such a way as to make them compatible with the Christian faith. Neither can we expect it to give up the right to propagate communist beliefs in the world. Therefore, continuing tensions are unavoidable.

Not all Americans hold the Christian faith or hold it to the same extent. Thus, not all will experience the same degree of tension. But enough hold that faith, and hold it devotedly, to make peace at the price of its compromise impossible. Moreover, in our land there is a general acceptance of a way of life which permits every individual freely to choose his belief and to carry out its implications.

to secure international acceptance of the method of tolerance.

The American nation knows the method of tolerance. Our people have used that method—even though imperfectly—for 160 years. They know that it can work both for peace and progress. They have learned that they cannot disregard it with impunity. They are equipped by experience to explain, and by faith to persuade. The American people and their government ought to dedicate themselves to do that with all the urgency appropriate to the greatness of the cause.

Exposition and persuasion are important. But if our initiative is to prevail, it must carry worldwide conviction on two basic facts:

(1) It must be made clear that our nation utterly renounces for itself the use internationally of the method of intolerance. Our people generally consider the faith and institutions of Soviet communism to contain grave evils. But they must recognize the right of others to believe what their reason and conscience may dictate, to reflect their beliefs in human institutions, and by fair means to propagate them. The American people must be resolved never to advance their own faith by forcibly crushing out such another faith. We believe that is their resolve. But they do not always make it clear to others.

(2) It must equally be made clear that persistence internationally by the Soviet Government or the Soviet Communist party in methods of intolerance, such as purge, coercion, deceitful infiltration, and false propaganda shielded by secrecy, will not in fact make their faith prevail and will jeopardize the peace.

That dual position should be presented to Soviet leaders with friendly yet firm persistence. Thereby, within a large area, principle would replace expediency and emotionalism which vary between being "tough" and being "soft" with Russia. It would be found that in many situations policy could be determined by the principles we enunciate.

II

Avoidable Tensions and the Method of Adjustment

Differences of belief which are inevitable are often aggravated by differences or clashes of interest which are unnecessary. There are many unnecessary differences between the Soviet Union and the Western democracies and they provide an important field for remedial action. It is easy for us to see how Soviet leaders can act to dispel many such differences. It is harder for Americans to

the security in terms of geography. In an effort to catch up with the increasing range and speed of missiles, they would extend further and further the areas over which their nation has military control. Thus, large areas of the world fall within overlapping strategic orbits. Islands of the Atlantic and the Pacific, Germany, the Balkans, the Mediterranean, and Far East and Near East areas are looked upon by one or another as needed for a defense, which to others seems to carry an offensive threat.

The sharply increased offensive capabilities of modern warfare are such that it is not possible to reconcile a friendly and neighborly policy with such strategic defense as from a military standpoint might seem most effective. Therefore, no nation should allow its action in these matters to be determined by military factors alone. The United States should set an example by renouncing the acquisition of new military bases so far distant from the continental United States and so close to the Soviet Union that the offensive threat is both disproportionate to the defensive value to the United States and also incompatible with a policy designed to dissipate distrust and to increase good-will. This principle applies to all nations.

Third, the armament race must be ended.

The United States for the first time in its history plans to maintain a large standing army. Our Government seems committed to having a Navy and Air Force which will surpass those of any other nation. It is continuing to manufacture atomic weapons and to develop new scientific methods of mass destruction. The latter activities it shrouds with secrecy.

The Soviet Union maintains a standing army which no other nation matches. It is inferior to the United States as regards Navy, Air Force, and modern scientific weapons, notably the atomic bomb. Its leaders are striving to make good such deficiencies. They cloak their military establishment with great secrecy.

The present armament race between the United States and the Soviet Union will, if continued, probably lead to the destruction of both. Such secret competition breeds the suspicion, fear, and hostility which make war inevitable.

We believe that every effort should be made to apply the provisions of the United Nations Charter for the regulation and multilateral reduction of national armaments. The proposal for an Atomic Development Authority is a good start in that direction.

with the system. The economics of the nations are in a state of flux and experimentation. Christians must hold fast to their belief in human freedom and the sacredness of the human personality. They should seek an economic system which does not in fact impair the exercise of religious and intellectual freedom. But they cannot safely be dogmatic. No economic system that now exists can properly be treated as wholly the expression or wholly the negation of Christian principles.

III

National Interests and International Cooperation

To a degree, tension with the Soviet Union results from a spirit of rival nationalism. We have seen how that kind of tension may, to an extent, be alleviated by change in our national attitude. Two other ways exist whereby tension having this origin can be still further relieved.

First, there can be a more intimate association between the American and Russian peoples.

There is a long history of interrupted friendship between the Russian and American peoples. Neither knows the other well, but each senses that there are fine qualities in the other. That feeling has persisted despite the fact that the Russian people have usually had governments the autocratic character of which the American people distrusted. That relationship between our peoples is something precious to be preserved and developed. At this time, when the Russian people suffer great physical distress, the American people can show sympathy by contributing to their relief. American scientific, cultural and religious groups ought to do all that is within their power to promote interchange of ideas and visits back and forth, to the end that mutual understanding may increase in our two peoples. Also, despite difference of economic systems, there can be a mutually advantageous exchange of goods.

Second, there can be a greater use of the United Nations.

The governments of both the Soviet Union and the United States profess high goals of human welfare. But if they seek to realize those goals competitively, the result may be that human misery and distress will be exploited by each for ulterior purposes. Increased ill-will may result. That will not happen if the United Nations is used, as it was intended to be used, to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character.

individual freedom is neither socially tolerable nor beneficial. There is need to show that a free society can maintain a steady flow of production and its equitable distribution. There is need to bring about greater observance of human rights and freedoms for all without distinction as to race or religion. Particularly must America do away with the widely prevalent double standard of personal relations and citizenship applied to Negro Americans. The American people must prove to themselves and to the world that a free society can solve its economic and social problems as well as bring political freedom to its members. If our people do that, democracy, not dictatorship, will be seen by all to be the higher phase of social development.

CONCLUSION

We have outlined a program containing four salient points:

1. The elimination internationally of methods of intolerance which make it impossible for conflicting beliefs to subsist and be propagated in the world consistently with peace.
2. The elimination from United States' national policy of certain prejudices and practices which unnecessarily create tension.
3. Cooperation of the American and Russian peoples at the scientific, economic, cultural, and religious levels and cooperation of the United States Government with the Government of the Soviet Union in the curative and creative tasks envisaged for the United Nations.
4. Demonstration that democratic institutions which reflect the Christian doctrine of the sacredness of the individual personality can be made so vigorous and life-giving that all peoples will want them.

It is not unreasonable to believe that if Soviet leaders were confronted with a definite, consistent, and strongly backed American program of this order they would respond to it, since it would permit their own people peacefully to develop under their own institutions and would permit them by fair methods to propagate their faith in the world. The resulting atmosphere would make it possible to deal in a friendly and fair way with the perplexing post-war problems, including those involved in the peace settlements.

We do not say this in any spirit of easy optimism. We would only delude ourselves if we did not look on the future as one which contains many elements of peril. That, however, is no reason for despair. The future has always been a future of peril. Often the perils have been hidden

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 12-30-46

FROM : D. M. Ladd *D. Ladd*

SUBJECT:

CONTROVERSY BETWEEN THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA AND THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Beahm
- Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the unidentified newspaper article captioned, "Tolerance Formula for Russia Denounced by Christian Council", to which was attached your routing slip requesting the statement issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and also the statement issued by the American Council of Christian Churches.

With reference to your request for the statement issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, there is attached herewith the complete text of the statement on Soviet-American relations submitted by the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace which was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, which appeared in the New York Times newspaper on October 19, 1946.

A New York Times article which appeared in the October 19, 1946, issue of that paper reflected that this statement on Soviet-American relations released by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America was submitted by the Council's Commission on a Just and Durable Peace of which John Foster Dulles is Chairman. The statement was made public at a Council Luncheon at the University Club, 1 West 54th Street, New York City. The statement was adopted by the Council's Executive Committee and was the outcome of four months of study and discussion begun on behalf of ministers and church members throughout the country seeking guidance on this question of public policy. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Resident Bishop of the New York area of the Methodist Church, is President of the Council.

With reference to your request for the answering statement of the American Council of Christian Churches which took issue with the statement of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, there is attached hereto the complete text which appeared in the "Christian Beacon", published at Collingswood, New Jersey, dated October 31, 1946.

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July 8, 1948

Federal Board of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Is it not a fact that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America is considered by the FBI as a communist front or something like that?

A member of ^{our} Women's Missionary Society reviewed at a meeting tonight a pamphlet issued by the FCCC and also one issued by the Board of Social Missions ULCA, 231 Madison Ave., N. Y., both emphasizing the greatest possible (or impossible) tolerance toward Soviet Russia and Communism. The undertone of both publications was one of deep dissatisfaction with American policy of a military nature.

It occurred to me that I have read in published lists of names of groups of liberal tendencies which the FBI held as extremely friendly to the communist ideology the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America was one.

~~DISPERSED RECORDING~~ *Re*

Since a considerable discussion arose in the missionary meeting as to the reliance to be placed on FCCC propoganda for peace at any price with the Soviet Union, it seemed to me proper to inquire and ask for information as to the current standing of this group in your eyes and how our people should go in placing confidence in such stuff.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated July 8, 1948, has been received. I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau, as, in accordance with a long-standing policy, our files are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance. For your information, the name of the Council you mentioned does not appear on the list of subversive organizations prepared by the Attorney General at the request of the President of the United States, under Part III of Executive Order 9835. It has occurred to me that the enclosed material might be of some interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure
Reprint on Menace of Communism
How to fight Communism

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July 23, 1948

F. B. I. Office
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Our Little Community

has been [redacted]

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some trouble in our Methodist
Church, and some of the folks here
left the Church. One of the points
of difference is the supporting of
the Federal Council of Churches.

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in trial against the Federal Council.

One of the things stated against the Federal Council is, "Subversive activities and near-Communism."

These statements and many others are printed in

What is Wrong with the

Federal Council.

W. O. H. GORMAN

W. O. H. Gorman

President

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
American Council of Christian Churches

15 Park Row

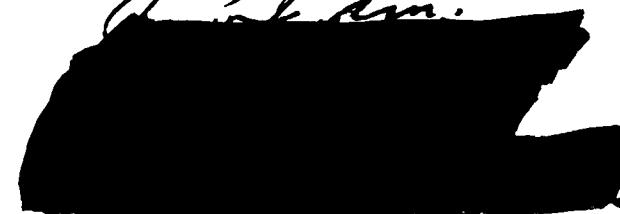
New York 7, N.Y.

Now what I would like to know has the F. B. I. made any investigation of the Federal Council and if so are any of the statements made by W. O. H. Gorman true.

I would like to know as I am sure of my self when I defend the Federal Council if they are true I can then take a different stand.

Thank you.

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Your letter dated July 23, 1948, has been received. I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau, as, in accordance with a long-standing policy, our files are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance. For your information, the name of the council you mentioned does not appear on the list of subversive organizations prepared by the Attorney General at the request of the President under Part III of Executive Order 9835. It has occurred to me that the enclosed material might be of some interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

Department of Christian Social Relations

297 Fourth Avenue

New York 10, N. Y.

October 6, 1948

MR. CHARLES P. TAFT
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REV. BEVERLEY M. BOYD
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This Department of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has been assigned the responsibility of drafting a basic statement on the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency, to be presented at the biennial meeting of the Council in Cincinnati, December 1-3, 1948. We hope that the section will be able to draft a statement that will do two things for the churches in our constituency: 1) make them more keenly aware of the contribution they can make and their responsibility to make it, and 2) to show, if possible, practical methods by which they may cooperate with local secular agencies in meeting the needs of youth.

I am seeking your counsel and advice because I know you are closely in touch with what is going on on the national front in this field and that you are also interested as a Christian layman in the work of the churches.

Some of the things I would like would be the latest statistics, city wide and state wide, of the rise or decline of juvenile delinquency; also, if possible, how many state or city commissions have been established and if in your judgment you think they are valuable. It would also be helpful if I could have a personal statement from you regarding the responsibility of the churches in this particular field.

I know you are an extremely busy man, but if you could cooperate with us in this project, I would like to have any data that you could send me as early as possible because I must get it in the hands of the people whom we anticipate forming the section.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Cordially yours,

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Beverley M. Boyd
Executive Secretary

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Dr. Beverley M. Boyd
Executive Secretary
The Federal Council of the Churches
of Christ in America
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Boyd:

I received your letter of October 6, 1948. In response to your request it is a pleasure to enclose copies of material available for distribution by the FBI which may be of some assistance to you.

It is my firm belief and has been for many years that the churches are in the front ~~trenches~~ of America's crime prevention crusade. Church attendance is a vital factor in the Nation's crime prevention program and it has been my observation that those who are active in church are also the people who seem most interested in establishing a genuine "home" for their children. The greatest single factor in crime causation among juveniles today is the disintegration of the American home.

It is suggested that you may wish to communicate with Mrs. Scotia Ballard Anouff, National Conference on Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency, Osborne Association, 114 East 30th Street, New York, New York, in order to secure data prepared as a result of the conference called by the Attorney General of the United States and held in Washington, D. C., on November 20, 21, 22, 1946. If I can be of further service, please do not hesitate to communicate with me again.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover

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August 26, 1948

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been asked by a group of ministers in Denver, Colorado, to bring to them information regarding the Federal Council of Churches. They have heard rumors that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has placed the Federal Council of Churches on the list of subversive agencies in our country. Would you please send me information in this connection, so that when I address these ministers I can be explicit in the things I say.

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Yours very truly,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 26, 1948, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted your writing concerning the matter you mentioned.

For your information the Federal Bureau of Investigation has not issued any list of subversive organizations such as you mentioned. The Attorney General of the United States did, however, prepare such a list at the request of the President under Executive Order 9835, Part III, which I am happy to send you at this time.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Lists of subversive organizations.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 1948

FROM : SAC, Omaha

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] INFORMANT
THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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I am today in receipt of a letter from [REDACTED] with which he enclosed a clipping from an unnamed newspaper, reading as follows:

"LIVE AMMUNITION"

Before one of the sessions of the State Teachers Meeting in Des Moines last Thursday an F.B.I. agent made the declaration that: "The Federal Council of Churches is Communistic". This, of course, is not news to most of us, but we believe that a public declaration such as this, coming from the lips of an F.B.I. representative, and voiced all over our state by our teachers, will, and can be used as live ammunition in the fight.

G. J. R. - 7

We did not have any representative in attendance at the Iowa State Teacher Association meeting in Des Moines, nor did any representative from this office address that group and I have so advised [REDACTED]

An agent is contacting [REDACTED] to determine the identity of the newspaper in which this statement appeared in order that we can determine who made this statement attributed to the FBI and whether the individual represented himself as an agent of the FBI.

When the identity of the paper is learned I will advise the Bureau as it is felt the Bureau may wish to write to the editor in order to have a retraction published.

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ATTENTION MR. CARTWRIGHT

[REDACTED] INFORMANT, FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, RESEARCH MATTERS. ASCERTAINED REVEREND HAROLD DAY, NORTH COURT BAPTIST CHURCH, OTTUMWA, IOWA, PUBLISHED ARTICLE IN FOUR PAGE NEWS SHEET BEARING NO NAME BUT IS NOVEMBER FORTYEIGHT ISSUE, WHICH NEWS SHEET IS SPONSORED BY THE IOWA ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES. NEWS SHEET HAS ABOUT TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED CIRCULATION AND DISTRIBUTED IN BUNDLES OF TWENTYFIVE OR THIRTY TO ALL BAPTIST CHURCHES IN IOWA AND TWO IN OMAHA. THIS IS FIRST ISSUE. REV. DAY STATES HE RECEIVED HIS INFORMATION FROM CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND, **[REDACTED]**

[REDACTED] WHO IN TURN GOT IT FROM **[REDACTED]** ACCORDING TO REV. DAY THE STATEMENT ABOUT THE FBI DECLARING THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TO BE COMMUNIST WAS MADE BY DR. WILLIAM E. WARNER, PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AT COLUMBUS, IN AN ADDRESS TO A DINNER MEETING OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS SECTION OF THE IOWA STATE TEACHERS ASSN. CONVENTION HELD IN DES MOINES, IOWA, NOVEMBER FOUR AND FIVE LAST.

THIS MEETING SUPPOSEDLY TOOK PLACE AT 3:30 PM DINNER NOVEMBER FOUR IN HOTEL SAVERY. ACCORDING TO THE IOWA STATE TEACHERS ASSN. QUOTE CREEPING PARALYSIS OF STATE TEACHERS UNQUOTE ALLEGED TO HAVE

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INTIMATED DURING THE TALK OR QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD THAT HE HAD BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE FBI AND THAT HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO FBI MEN AND HE HAD HIS EVIDENCE WITH HIM ON COMMUNISM. REV. DAY WAS ADVISED THERE WERE NO FBI REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT NOR HAD ANY REPRESENTATION EVER BEEN MADE CHARGING THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AS BEING COMMUNISTIC. DAY VOLUNTARILY ADVISED HE HAD MADE A MISTAKE IN NOT CHECKING HIS INFORMATION AND STATED HE WOULD PUBLISH A RETRACTION IN THE NEXT ISSUE TO COME OUT ABOUT DECEMBER TEN NEXT AND WOULD FURNISH COPY TO OMAHA OFFICE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED REV. DAY BELONGS TO AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, WHICH IS VIOLENTLY OPPOSED TO FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. b7c [REDACTED] IOWA EDUCATIONAL ASSN., ADVISED HE WAS IN COMPLETE CHARGE OF ARRANGING FOR SPEECHES AT ISTA CONVENTION AND HE PERSONALLY ARRANGED FOR WARNER TO SPEAK AT THE CONVENTION. [REDACTED] STATED CORRESPONDENCE WITH AND ABOUT WARNER REFLECTS WARNER IS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM OHIO ST. UNIVERSITY AND DURING LAST SPRING SPENT THREE MONTHS IN UNIFORM AS LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN U. S. ARMY, THAT WARNER WAS A MEMBER OF GENERAL EISENHOWER-S STAFF IN CHARGE OF A PHASE OF EDUCATION IN GERMANY AT THE CLOSE OF THE WAR AND IS REGARDED BY ARMY AUTHORITIES AS AN EXPERT ON COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS AND THE EFFECT OF COMMUNISM ON MORAL STANDARDS. [REDACTED] STATED HE HAD NOT HEARD ANY OF

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WARNER-S SPEECHES BUT HAD BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED THAT WARNER WAS VERY OUTSPOKEN AGAINST COMMUNISM ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT HEARD THAT WARNER CLAIMED OR IMPLIED ANY PRESENT OR PAST CONNECTIONS WITH THE FBI. [REDACTED] DES MOINES, IOWA,

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ADVISED HE WAS [REDACTED] DURING THE CONVENTION AND THAT WARNER WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE ADDRESSED THE DINNER MEETING ON NOVEMBER FOUR AT THE SAVERY HOTEL BUT DID NOT ARRIVE FOR SOME REASON. WARNER APPEARED ON SEVERAL PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAM ON NOVEMBER FIVE AND LET IT BE KNOWN HE WOULD GIVE A LATE LECTURE ON COMMUNISM AFTER THE CONVENTION. [REDACTED] STATED HE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE USE OF THE RANCH ROOM AT HOTEL FORT DES MOINES WHERE WARNER GAVE HIS LECTURE STARTING AT ABOUT NINE OR NINE THIRTY PM ON NOVEMBER FIVE. [REDACTED] STATED THERE WERE EIGHTEEN OR TWENTY PERSONS PRESENT INCLUDING HIMSELF AND WIFE AND TWO STRANGERS. HE ADVISED WARNER STARTED OFF BY STATING HE HAD INVITED THE FBI AND AMERICAN LEGION TO BE PRESENT TO CHECK AS TO WHAT HE HAD TO SAY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NO FBI REPRESENTATIVE WAS CONTACTED. [REDACTED] STATED WARNER NEVER REFERRED TO THE FBI AGAIN AND NEVER INTIMATED HE HAD ANY CONNECTIONS WITH THE FBI. HE STATED HE RECALLED WARNER INDICATED THE METHODISTS WERE BADLY INFILTRATED WITH COMMUNISTS AND MAY HAVE MENTIONED OTHER CHURCH GROUPS SUCH AS THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, BUT [REDACTED]

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WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WAS MENTIONED. HE STATED WARNER RANTED ABOUT COMMUNISTS AND GOT PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE STIRRED UP BUT HE ADVISED THAT WARNER PROBABLY DID MORE HARM THAN GOOD. b7c [REDACTED] STATED IF A PERSON DID NOT KEEP THINKING ALONG WITH WARNER HE MIGHT DRAW THE CONCLUSION THAT WARNER COULD HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE FBI. HE ALSO STATED PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT THE TWO STRANGERS WERE FBI MEN. HE ADVISED WARNER ALWAYS PROVED HIS POINTS BY REFERRING TO COPIES OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD DEALING WITH THE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE. HE STATED HE DID NOT THINK WARNER SAID ANYTHING THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED IN ANY WAY AS REFLECTING ON THE FBI, QUOTING THE FBI, OR MAKING ANY REFERENCE TO THE FBI AND COMMUNISM. HE STATED THERE WAS NO TRANSCRIPT OF THE LECTURE AND THAT NO NOTES OF THE MEETING WERE TAKEN BY HIM.

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PAGE ONE LINE FIVE WORD TWO IS "ASSOCIATION"

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CC: Mr. Nichols, Mr. Fletcher, & Mr. Cartwright

SAC, Omaha

December 6, 1948

Director, FBI

INFORMANT
FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
RESEARCH MATTERS

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Reference is made to your teletype to the Bureau dated December 3, 1948, captioned as above.

It is desired that Agents of your office contact

both of whom were sources of information for Reverend Day's inaccurate statement in his news sheet. The confusion of their information should be brought to the attention of these men and it should be clearly pointed out to them that no representative of the FBI made any such statement as was alleged.

You should advise the Bureau when this has been done.

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**[REDACTED] INFORMANT, THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. REBULET
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[REDACTED] O INFORMANT, THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. REBUTEL 5636

DECEMBER THIRTEEN. CHURCH PUBLICATION PUBLISHED BY REV. HAROLD

DAY AND ASSOCIATE IS NOW IN PROCESS OF PUBLICATION FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER. DAY ADVISES A RETRACTION WILL APPEAR IN THE SAME SPACE

OCCUPIED BY ORIGINAL STATEMENT. WILL FURNISH COPY TO BUREAU. HE

FURTHER ADVISES HE CONTACTED DR. WILLIAM E. WARNER, PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, WHO WROTE HIM ON DECEMBER TENTH

ADVISING HE HAS NEVER HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH THE FBI AND HE IS NOW LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN ORGANIZED RESERVES. AT THE TIME HE MADE

THE SPEECH BEFORE THE IOWA STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION HE WAS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY ANY FBI MEN BUT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY R. W.

NEBERGALL, CHIEF OF THE IOWA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND QUOTE CERTAIN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS UNQUOTE IN HIS LETTER HE

DID NOT INDICATE TO REV. DAY WHETHER HE HAD MADE ANY STATEMENT INDICATING THE FEDERAL C OF C WAS COMMUNISTIC. UNABLE TO CONTACT

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[REDACTED] BUT EXPECT TO INTERVIEW THEM ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN OR SIXTEEN NEXT. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI Attn: Mr. Cartwright

DATE: December 23, 1948

FROM : SAC, OMAHA

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] INFORMANT
FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
RESEARCH MATTERS

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Re teletype from this office dated December 3, 1948, and Bureau letter dated December 6, 1948.

Enclosed herewith is the December 1948 issue of a periodical published in the interest of the Iowa Association of Regular Baptist Churches. It will be noted that on the first page of this issue is a correction relative to the statement published concerning the FBI in the November issue. There is also attached a copy of a letter from HAROLD DAY, Pastor of the North Court Baptist Church, Ottumwa, Iowa, dated December 17, 1948.

Special Agent [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who advised that when he gave the information to Reverend DAY he thought it was correct, however, on reviewing the matter he stated he was not certain that the Federal Council of Churches had been mentioned. Further, that he apparently had the Military Intelligence in mind when he quoted the FBI. He indicated that he regretted the whole incident very much. He was informed very definitely that no FBI representative was present at this teachers' convention, nor had any FBI representative made any such statement.

[REDACTED] was also interviewed by Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] claimed that he had never indicated to Reverend DAY that Dr. WARNER was connected with the FBI. He said that Dr. WARNER did mention something about his having cooperated with the FBI in some campus investigation at the University of Ohio at Columbus; that WARNER went on to request all teachers to be on the lookout for Communist propaganda appearing in educational and religious fields. WARNER mentioned, according to [REDACTED] the publication known as the "Classmate", which is published by the Methodist Church for juveniles. He could not recall whether the Federal Council of Churches was mentioned. He indicated that the story relative to the FBI being present at this meeting may have started by reason of the fact there was a stranger in the audience and a man sitting next to [REDACTED] remarked, "That's probably an FBI man."

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[REDACTED] was definitely advised that no representative of the FBI had been in attendance at the teachers' meeting and that no representative had made any such statement as alleged.

Both of the men appeared to be sincere, but misinformed, and both indicated their regret over the entire incident brought about by their inaccurate conclusion.

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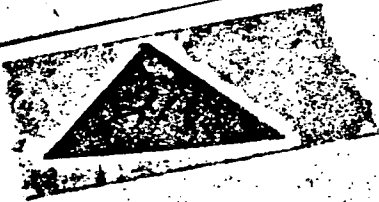
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NORTH COURT BAPTIST CHURCH

1411 North Court Street
Ottumwa, Iowa

HAROLD DAY, PASTOR
PHONE 5857J

December 17, 1948

Mr. J. L. Dalton,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
1010 Federal Office Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our current issue of our state Newsheet in which appears a correction of an item we published last month.

We are very sorry to have caused the F.B.I. undue criticism.

We published the item in the November issue believing our source of information to be definitely reliable without taking the necessary time to investigate.

We assure that anything similar will not occur again and wish to thank your men for their kindness and considerations in dealing with us in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ HAROLD DAY

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GIVE ME A NAME

Volume No. 1—Number 2 To Be Published Monthly in the Interest of the Iowa Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

December, 1948

Final Session At Rally Reaches 700

Rally Sidelights AND Personalities

The Grand Rapids Bible School Quartette thrilled us with their singing of the Gospel. A singing ministry is surely needed in our day.

The Des Moines Register and Tribune showed a fine interest in the Rally. The office called to find out all details of the Rally, and also sent a photographer and reporter to cover the Rally. A picture of four of the young people appearing in the Register of December 27.

Dr. Bob Ketcham's four glasses of dirty and clean water, and clean water hit the nail squarely on the head as to meaning separation. Truth mixed with error equals error. Bob should put his mathematical equations in print. Embryo preachers were having a time keeping up.

Bob Burns, the animated missionary dynamo from Association of Baptists for World Evangelism again proved his worth to the Youth work. This time washing dishes in the Grandview kitchen.

Was that Ray Pritz with a dish towel in his hand? Tch, Tch, now Ray, who taught you such menial tasks?

Archie Veltman finally found time to stop serving tables to welcome the Rally to his church—about time for us all to go home.

Pressing Problem Number One!



Rev. Archie Veltman, entertaining pastor at Grandview, where our Fall Rally was held, estimated the crowd at the final session of the Rally to be about 700. 438 were registered at mid-afternoon and the smallest of the day sessions reached about 500 in attendance. Few vacant seats could be found anywhere in the church auditorium that seats 600.

From the opening song at 10:45 A.M., until the invitation was given at the close of Joe McCaba's evening message, the day was filled with good spiritual food and Bible Study tuned for young people, and ringing a clear bell for separation.

About 40 churches were represented, coming from every section of the State. A few of the I. A. R. B. churches were missing, but several churches were present who are not in fellowship with the I. A. R. B. C. The church group coming the farthest was from Waukon. We have no record of the largest delegation present, but more than one had groups from 25-40.

The program was varied and fit the needs of young people. Ray Pritz guided the musical programs of the day. Dr. Bob Ketcham opened our understanding of the falsities of the theory Evolution, and the necessity of Separation. Joe McCaba gave us a real breath of missionary challenge and many young folks came forward to dedicate their lives for Christian service. Bob Gardner filled

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Orchids in bundles to the folks in Grandview for taking care of us so well. So many more arrived than were previously registered that arrangements were difficult to make.

Joe McCaba has a God-given knack of getting spiritual truth down where young people get ahold of what he talks about. Rev. McCaba is head of Africa Christian Missions, a G.A.R.B. approved mission.

Did you ever hear gospel music come out of a clarinet like we heard it at the Rally? Give God your musical talents young folks. He will use them.

The bus driver on one of the chartered busses sat in on nearly every service and remarked on "how the Baptists preach."

Vernon Konarske, who annually takes all our camp slide pictures was floating around "shooting the Rally."

Mrs. Gardner—Blondie to you—turned several shades not found in the rainbow when presented with a gift by the ministers of the State.

Mrs. Rayburn, wife of the new pastor at Greene, presided at the piano. We welcome all new talent available for our meetings.

Joe McCaba had us straining our drinking water with our teeth in the afternoon and taking a bath in sand at night. No wonder our missionaries come home broken in health.

Give Me A Name Contest Gets A Flying Start

The contest to get a name for the new State Paper resulted in a flood of suggestions being sent in to the State Office. We will continue the contest one more month. Send in as many suggestions as you wish. Remember we will have a prize of a beautiful Bible or Christian Literature if you already have a good Bible. Send all names to Box 169, Forest City, Iowa.



This puts before your eyes a picture of some of our problems concerning our camp. We rejoice that open doors are before us for purchasing and developing a permanent camp grounds for not only our Y. P. but for Bible Conference work. We trust God will establish a permanent work devoted to the position of separation from all forms of apostasy. Think of the value in eternity of having not only a Christian Life Camp, but an annual I. A. R. B. C. Bible Conference. The possibilities are endless. Right now we are in a position to take the first step towards the realization of that dream.

We are crowded now, but, thank God, when the present needs arise we have a way out. The first step will be an authorization by the local churches for the Council and permanent grounds committee to go ahead not bind any local church to a financial commitment, but is necessary for the committee to begin to act. The committee cannot act without the consent of the churches. We rejoice and share with you our rejoicing over a report which has reached us. A group of young people returned from camp to their church, and according to the pastor, brought a revival with them.

The pastor now reports that in recent revival services 43 souls were saved. This is one of many fine reports received. Pray with us for faith and obedience to follow the leading of the Lord.

Christ's Lowly Birth, and Why

Mabel Glenn Haldeman

When Jesus Christ came down to earth,
Exceeding humble was His birth;
Within the inn no room was found
For place of birth, but near the ground
In manger bed the Infant slept,
While Heaven vigil o'er Him kept.

Though in equality with God,
For us He passed beneath the rod;
Was "found in fashion as a man",
When our redemption He began.
He left His riches up on high,
And came a poor Man here to die.

No reputation had He here,
But served until the Cross was near;
Nowhere had He to lay His head,
Unless in someone's proffered bed.
When penalty for sin He paid
Within a borrowed tomb was laid.

He came the poor to lift and save,
That vict'ry banners they might wave;
He healed each broken-hearted one
Who came to Him when day was done.
They felt compassion in His touch,
And then they loved Him, oh, so much!

Since He's ascended from this earth,
Have we refused Him second birth
Within our hearts, where He can be
Exalted King eternally?
Or have we there allowed Him sway
Until that coming Rapture day?

He left the glories of the sky,
To come to earth for us to die;
So God has highly raised Him where
A Home for us He shall prepare,
And where no manger, Cross, or tomb
Will e'er be given place or room!

ed the musical programs of the day. Dr. Bob Ketcham opened our understanding of the falsities of the theory Evolution, and the necessity of Separation. Joe McCaba gave us a real breath of missionary challenge and many young folks came forward to dedicate their lives for Christian service. Bob Gardner filled in for Archie Veltman in leading the Open Forum Hour on "How To Carry On Your Young People's Services."

Many practical suggestions came out of the Forum.

We would be interested to know how many would like another Rally next fall? Does any church wish to invite us for the day after Thanksgiving in 1949?

Our Financial Policy

For the present, the State Paper is financed by the love offerings of the churches, and individuals who feel led of the Lord to help us along. We hope to keep it a news sheet of what is going on in the State. We send the paper in bundles to the various churches and you may receive them at the local church. However, if you wish to have it sent you personally for some reason or another, we will be glad to do so. Send us your name and address. Some of your folks may not be attending an IARB church and thus would miss copies. All funds and communications should be sent to Bob Gardner, State Youth Director and Missionary, Box 169 Forest City, Iowa.

"A CORRECTION"

Last month, under the caption "Live Ammunition", we reported that an F. B. I. representative stated before a State Teachers Meeting in Des Moines, that the Federal Council of Churches is Communist. We wish to correct that report by saying, "this statement was NOT made by a representative of the F. B. I."

However, the man giving the address is in another department of our government and has since given us much valuable information concerning the infiltration of Communism into our churches.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: December 30, 1948

FROM : Mr. Nichols

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] INFORMANT
FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
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Reference is made to my previous memorandum setting out the facts ascertained in connection with the erroneous statement published in a Baptist Church newspaper of Ottumwa, Iowa, several weeks ago to the effect that a FBI Agent in a session before the State Teachers' Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, made a statement attributing communistic character to the Federal Council of Churches.

The Omaha Office has ascertained that the statement referred to was actually made by one Dr. William E. Warner of Ohio State University, an ex-army officer, and that the reason for attributing it to the Bureau representative was through a chain of information transmitted to the Reverend Harold Day, a Baptist minister of Ottumwa who published the paper. Reverend Day informed us that his information had been received from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Reverend Day promised to print a retraction in his next issue of the paper on the first page and he has done this in the issue for December, 1948, a copy of which attached.

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been interviewed by Special Agents of the Omaha Office and have acknowledged their error and careless reporting of the situation. Both of these men indicated that they were at fault in loosely reporting the matter and regretted the error very much.

Both individuals, according to the Omaha Office, appeared to be sincere and their statements indicated a favorable attitude during the interview.

It is believed that the action taken in obtaining a retraction and in straightening out the mental confusion of the two individuals has taken care of the situation and that no further action is necessary.

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SAC, New York

March 31, 1949

Director, FBI

CHURCH STATISTICS

It is requested that an Agent of your office contact the Federal Council of Churches, 297 - 4th Avenue, New York 10, New York, for the purpose of ascertaining the following information:

The total church membership in the United States. (This figure should include all denominations, sects, etc. It is not desired that it be broken down by denomination.)

The total number of children attending Sunday School in the United States.

Total church expenditures and total church contributions.

It is desired that the above data be the latest available. The information should be forwarded to the Bureau indicating the date represented in each instance and should also show the source of the information. The Agent making this contact should also ascertain if possible when similar, more up-to-date information will be available.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 8, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: CHURCH STATISTICS
FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

Rebulet, 3/31/49.

Dr. BENSON Y. LANDES, Director of the Department of Research and Education of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, 279 Fourth Avenue, New York City, advised as follows:

1. The Grand total of membership in all religious bodies in the United States was 77,386,188. This figure includes all denominations. Dr. BENSON stated that this is the official estimate as of 1947 - 1948. The next official estimate will be approximately August, 1949. (A complete breakdown and explanation will be found in the enclosure beginning at the bottom of page 1, the source of which is the "Christian Herald").

2. As to the total number of children attending Sunday Schools in the United States, the latest information are the figures for 1942 and prior years including all denominations found in the 1943 Yearbook of American Churches containing information from 258 Religious bodies as follows:

Pupils (enrolled)	22,776,620
Officers and Teachers	2,324,000
Number of Schools	213,424

Dr. BENSON stated these were the latest figures he had in his possession and had no knowledge as to when up to date figures would be available for to his knowledge no recent figures are being computed.

3. As to total church expenditures and total church contributions Dr. BENSON stated there is no complete report available. However, he stated that the June, 1944 issue of the "Survey of Current Business" published by the Department of Commerce, it was estimated that the total estimated contributions were \$720,800,000. Dr. BENSON stated that was only an estimate and stated further that in his estimation the present figure was approximately one billion a year. Dr. BENSON suggested that the July, 1948, issue of the "Survey of Current Business" published by the Department of Commerce in Washington, D. C. be referred to for the latest estimation.

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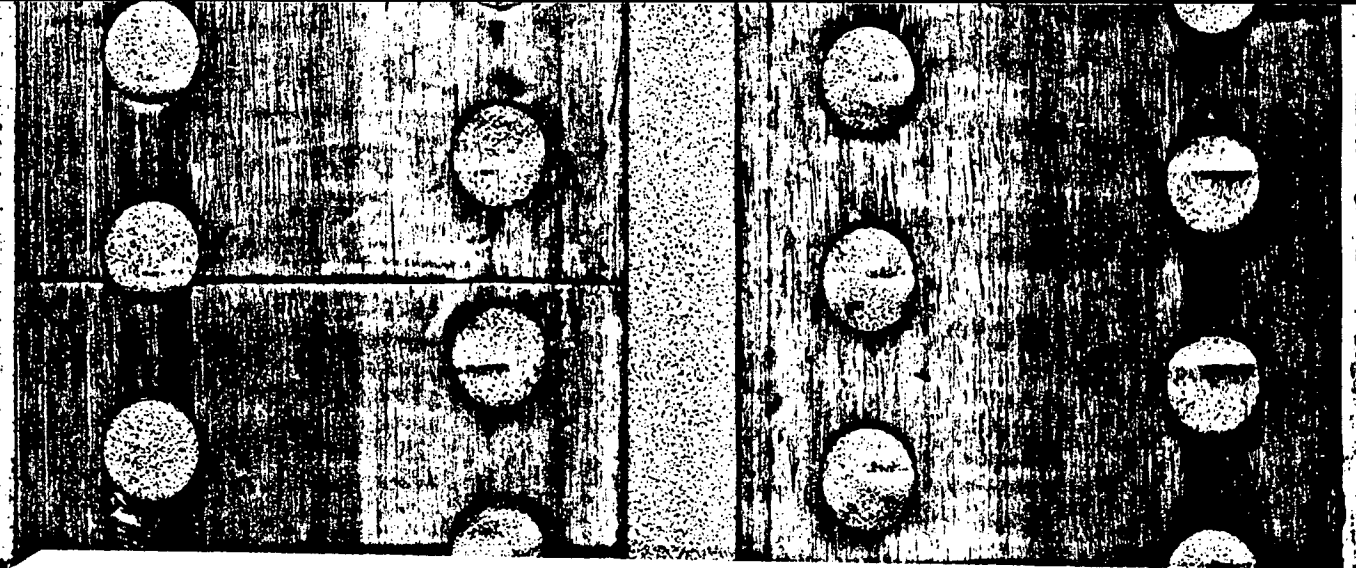
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F. B. I.
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen: I would like a copy or several of the findings of the F. B. I. in regard to the leaders of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in regard to Communism. The findings on the Federal Council by the Un-American Activities Committee in relation to Communism.

Have been told you have inhibited some of leaders, past or present for Communist things

Yours

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 14, 1949, has been received. I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau, as, in accordance with a long-standing policy, our files are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance. The thoughts prompting your communication are indeed appreciated, and I am enclosing some material which I thought would be of interest to you.

In response to your further inquiry, it is suggested that you communicate directly with the Chairman, Committee on Un-American Activities, Room 226, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., with a view to obtaining the desired information.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Do not be Duped by the Communists
Director's Statement before the House
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I would like to know if I could get information about the World Council of Churches and the Federal Council of churches of America. I understand they have officials who are communistic and that they have a reputation of spreading communism.

I would very much like to have this information and any other that you could give me. Thanking you in advance

Yours respectfully

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Your letter dated May 9, 1949, has been received. While I would like to be of service you are advised that the files of this Bureau are required by Departmental regulations to be maintained as confidential and available for official use only. No inference should be drawn, however, that we do, or do not, have information concerning the organizations mentioned in your letter because of my inability to be of assistance. It is a pleasure to enclose some material which I thought might be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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[REDACTED], May 16, 1949.

Dear Sirs:

Can you give me any information re The Federal Council of Churches? I think it has been charged with being a Communist Front.

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Is there any truth in the charge? I thank you.

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CAPITALISM.

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THE EFFORT of John C. Bennett to explain that Amsterdam did not mean precisely what it said about capitalism; that, even so, there is probably some truth in its statement; and that, anyway, we had better accept it as the best that could have been agreed to, has gone far to increase the confusing impression made by the original declaration and to intensify the consternation which the average and, at Amsterdam, apparently unrepresented Christian layman must feel at the economic deliverances of the Protestantism of which he is presumed to be a part.

In the United States today there are tens of thousands of Christian laymen, to whom the luxury of writing resolutions is not vouchsafed, who are devoted to the capitalist system—though such devotion, to the minds of the cliché-ridden left, is in itself proof of ignorance or venality—are daily giving courageous evidence that our capitalist economy can be used to advance Christian objectives. Their defense of capitalism is not on the ground that it is perfect, but on two other grounds, both products of their own Christian-capitalist experience. First, though capitalism is not perfect, they, more by sweat than by rumination, are proving that it is perfectible. Second, they are proving that the shortcomings of capitalism are not inherent, but human, and that a more perfect economy waits, not upon a basically changed system, but upon more basically changed people.

Operation Evangelical

For the Christian, whose concern for a more Christian world is deeper than his desire to be ideologically in vogue, those two facts about our economic system are more portentous than any others. Moreover, they lift the business of a more Christian economic order out of the area of secular undertakings where, in these latter days our ecclesiastical leadership so loves to linger, and put it squarely in that field of evangelical operations for which, as I un-

derstand it, the church is divinely ordained.

But the Amsterdam declaration neither recognizes these facts nor accepts their challenge. It pays a glowing tribute—the force of which is only slightly diminished by its qualifications—to the reasons why “communism makes so strong an appeal to great masses of people in many parts of the world.” For those Christian laymen who are making capitalism a more adequate expression of the Christian ideal, it has only the scantiest, inferential mention and no tribute whatsoever. It issues no call to the church to increase its spiritual labors so that the number and zeal of such laymen may be increased.

For all Professor Bennett's efforts to edit the original declaration into greater palatability, the whole emphasis, tone and atmosphere of the statement are designed to produce the feeling that capitalism—though parenthetically conceded to have some fortuitous good—is an essentially unchristian system from which flow most of the economic and many of the spiritual ills of modern man and society, in which there is little challenge to the Christian layman to work out and apply his convictions, and from which, into an unspecified something better, the Christian church is called to lead the way.

Where Does It Leave the Laymen?

Where does that leave the Christian layman who knows that those conclusions are, in fact, not true? It leaves him where, on such matters, he is so often left: acutely aware that having in real life to contend with the world, the flesh and the devil—handful enough—he can expect also to have to defend himself against the ill-conceived attacks of the foes of his own spiritual household.

Speaking of the “most controversial sentence” in the Amsterdam document, Professor Bennett agrees that it “is worded in such a way as to be misunderstood by Americans.”³ Since this is the sentence that most directly

brackets capitalism with communism, Professor Bennett could with no less truth have said, "repudiated by Americans." But, he goes on to say, "it is essential to remember that Amsterdam was a world assembly, that thinking in the church outside this country is quite far to the left of most thinking in American Protestant churches," and that "without this sentence, or an equivalent one saying what this was intended to say the report would not be as adequate an ecumenical document as in fact it has proved to be."

Reassuring to a believer in capitalism as those remarkable sentences are doubtless intended to be, they are hardly likely to increase one's confidence in ecumenical deliverances or in the process—if this is a sample—by which they are arrived at. For Amsterdam was not speaking on secondary matters on which honorable compromises are possible. Amsterdam essayed, in the name of Protestantism, to set forth basic principles. But, as I have said and as Professor Bennett seems to admit, the conclusions and convictions about capitalism set forth in this declaration are not in accord with—they are quite contrary to—the conclusions and convictions about capitalism held by a vast majority of the members of America's Protestant churches. In short, if the "priesthood of all believers" is still an accepted doctrine, they are contrary to the conclusions and convictions of American Protestantism.

Europe Had the Votes

4 Why, then, were they agreed to? Not because they were right or even true to fact, but rather as the Bennett argument runs, because, right or wrong, those were the principles that had the votes. Thus in order to establish the appearance of a unity which in fact did not exist, the convictions of American Protestantism were surrendered into agreement with those of a European Protestantism with which in fact it does not agree. It seems to me that ecumenicity at such a price comes too high.

In passing, it may not be uncharitable to point out that, as Professor Bennett is at great pains to make clear, this conclusion about capitalism was drawn up to conform to the leftist beliefs of the churchmen of Europe—a Europe which, without the daily sustenance furnished at great risk and cost by that capitalism, would be along with the churchmen in question, far on the road to perishing.

From the point of view of the lay outsider, however, even more amazing than the opportunism which Professor Bennett so frankly describes is his further statement: "It is highly significant that in hours of discussion of the report in the section and in the plenary session of the Assembly only once was there voiced criticism of the document from the point of view of a defender of capitalism."

Protestant America Not Represented

What this means is simply that, among the representatives of American Protestantism at Amsterdam, the convictions of Protestant America had little or no representation, either by voice or by vote. Either our representatives did not know American Protestantism well enough to represent it; or, by knowing, they felt no great sense of responsibility to speak as its representatives; or, disagreeing with what they knew, they used Amsterdam to put the church ostensibly on record in support of what they, out of their own predilections, wanted it to appear that the churches believe in. At any rate, what we got was not representation, but a composite of free-lance judgments which derived significance from the fact that they were made in the name of Protestantism, and the onus for which Protestantism must therefore now bear.

I am sure that the truth and, I firmly believe, our continuing progress toward a more Christian economy would have been better served if at this point an American minority had entered a dissenting opinion—even at the risk of a rift in the ecumenical front. 5-

THE EFFORT of John C. Bennett to explain

From the standpoint of the present crisis and of our Christian opportunity for the immediate future, the key sentence in this declaration is this: "The churches should reject the ideologies of both communism and laissez faire capitalism and should seek to draw men away from the false assumption that these are the only alternatives." As originally drawn up, capitalism and communism were bracketed in this sentence without any qualifications. In that form it actually passed the Assembly, with only two dissenting votes.

Only Taft Was Articulate

Chiefly owing to the efforts of Charles P. Taft—one of the few bona fide American laymen present and apparently the only one who could make himself heard—the matter was reopened and "laissez faire" reluctantly inserted. Though that may have slightly softened the public repercussions—a not very noble objective—it certainly added nothing to the integrity of the document. For one thing, there is little evidence to support this glib assertion that laissez faire capitalism, bad as it may have been when there was any, can in truth be bracketed with present-day communism, as though their respective evils were comparable. But to bracket laissez faire capitalism as though it still existed, with the present and very lively threat of communism is not only a careless handling of the truth. In a document which is "commended to the churches" as a guide for present thinking and action, it seems to me a downright deception.

Whatever their ideological quirks, the delegates at Amsterdam—certainly the American delegates—could not have been in any doubt that laissez faire capitalism has ceased to be either a threat or an issue. One is led to conclude that, after voting the original unqualified statement, they accepted the insertion of this misleading phrase only so that their real intention—namely, to condemn, not laissez

faire capitalism, but capitalism—might be somewhat concealed.

I do not intend to discuss the catalogue of evils which the Amsterdam declaration fastens on capitalism save to say that, over against each of its anti-capitalist negatives, one could set up—as Amsterdam made no attempt to do—a pro-capitalist positive and that, in terms of Christian achievement and possibility, the latter would have closer kinship with the truth and greater significance for the average Christian.

But the most disturbing fact in this listing of alleged capitalist evils is the revelation of how far the church—at least in the persons of its ecclesiastical leadership at Amsterdam—has transferred its concern from the spiritual business of converting man to the secular business of converting man's institutions. For the evils which Amsterdam itemizes are not, by any stretch of either history or imagination, evils of capitalism.

Amsterdam's Secular Assumption

Evil No. 1, that "capitalism tends to subordinate what should be the primary task of any economy—the meeting of human needs—to the economic advantages of those who have most power over its institutions," was met and strikingly contended with 800 years before Christ by the prophet Amos. Evil No. 2, that capitalism "tends to produce serious inequalities," is the same evil which, as long before Amos and Exodus 3:6, stirred the wrath of Jehovah and caused Moses to action. Evil No. 3, that "capitalism has developed a practical form of materialism in Western nations, for it has placed the greatest emphasis upon success in making money," was an evil about which Jesus spoke more than about almost any other. As for Evil No. 4, that capitalism "has kept the people of capitalist countries subject to . . . social catastrophes," it might be instructive to read (beginning in Exodus 41) the story of "social catastrophe" with which Joseph had to deal, for that matter, any of the forty-eight Old

Testament passages in which famines are referred to.

In short, to say that these are capitalistic evils because they exist under capitalism is about as close to the truth as if one were to say that lying, stealing and murder are democratic evils because they exist under democracy. No; grievous as they still are, these evils are not the product of an unregenerated capitalism. They are the product of unregenerated people. There is much in relatively recent history to indicate that they are not likely to be cured by a secular revolution. It is unfortunate that Amsterdam did not ringingly declare its belief that they could be cured by a spiritual revival.

What we got from Amsterdam instead was further unhappy evidence of the increasing secularization of the thinking of our ecclesiastical leadership as to the mission of the church. How else can one account for the fact that Amsterdam ascribes to our economic institutions the sinfulness which, in truth, is a result of the sinfulness of men? And how else can one explain the fact that, by the preponderance of its emphasis, Amsterdam made it appear that the most essential measure for society's redemption is not our own internal repentance, but the world's external reform?

But this, I think, is the real tragedy of the Amsterdam declaration: that, having attacked a capitalism which has ceased to exist for evils it did not create in order to point the way to a better system which it does not define, it utterly failed to give a lift or even a hand, to those whose convictions are required to meet the real problems of a real world, and on whose continued and increasing success in wrestling with those problems as Christians rests our best hope for a more Christian economic order.

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Sincerely yours,

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July 20, 1949

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr. John Edgar, Hoover, Director

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Dear friend of the American people,

I am a minister in a group associated with "The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America." Recently my eyes have been opened to note some rather strange movements and declarations and doctrines of the above mentioned Council.

In reading today, I came across a paragraph quoting from the report of the Intelligence Dept. of the U. S. Navy, such report being incorporated in the Congressional record of the House of Reps. 17, 1935. The sum total of this report led me to understand that the "Federal Council...", is a large, radical and pacifistic organization, always extremely active in any matter against national defense."

Other reports which have come to me make it imperative for me to make a definite decision about remaining associated with such a questionable group.

I'm sure that you, possessing a vast sum of information concerning such groups, will be able to help me.

I'm not asking for anything but the truth, no matter how hard or bad it will be. The outcome of your information will cause me to make a decision that will affect my entire future as well as that of my family.

Please try to help me. Thank you very much.

As just one voice of the American people, let me thank you for the hard work and tiresome hours you have put forth in an effort to preserve our great country from crime and communism.

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May God bless you and give you the needed wisdom for such a gigantic task and may God give you the strength needed, is my prayer for you and your staff.

Very respectfully yours,

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Your letter dated July 20, 1949, has been received.

While I would like very much to be of service in connection with your inquiry, you are advised that information in our files is required by Departmental regulations to be maintained as strictly confidential and for official use only. No inference should be drawn, however, that we do or do not have in our files information concerning the organization mentioned in your letter, because of our inability to be of assistance.

You may be sure that the thoughts which prompted your communication are appreciated, and I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material which I thought might be of interest to you.

I also wanted to express my gratitude for your commendatory references to my administration of the activities of the FBI and I do hope that our efforts will always be deserving of such confidence and approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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July 29, 1949

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you about a matter that is very important to me, and, I believe, to many people of the Methodist Church. I am a Methodist, teach in a Methodist school for Negro girls in Jacksonville, Florida, and am proud of my church, its doctrine and liberal policies.

There is a small paper, The Methodist Challenger, that is criticizing very bitterly the Methodist leaders, and it is attempting to show to its readers the evils of the "modernists" and the error of their ways. The editor claims that the Federal Council of Churches, to which the Methodist Church belongs, is Communist, and cites for proof the fact that the F. B. I. lists it as such. Much criticism has been directed at Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam in particular.

Of course it is the critics who cry the loudest and those who are criticized hesitate to start controversies that lead to more misunderstanding, bitterness and distrust. I believe in the integrity and Christian spirit of our leaders.

I also believe that once the cry of Communist is taken up again, the confidence of the people is lost. I believe that our leaders have a very difficult time in regaining the confidence of the people.

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the people at this stage in our "hysteria".

Now I realize that I may be wrong in defending these people - I could write to the men "under fire" for a statement but it wouldn't be accepted, I'm afraid.

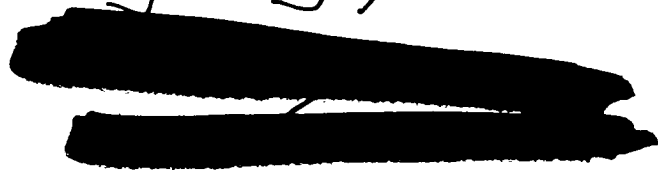
I would appreciate greatly whatever information you can divulge - I know that you will give it from an unbiased viewpoint.

When I tell you that members of my family are leaving the Methodist church because of these reports you will understand why I am so concerned to know the truth.

Thank you very kindly.

Very truly yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 29, 1949, has been received.

While I would very much like to be of service, by Departmental ruling, the files of this Bureau are confidential and available for official use only and I am unable to be of assistance in this instance. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference that we do, or do not, have information about the organization or individual you mentioned because of my inability to be of assistance in this instance.

For your information, the editor who claims that the FBI lists the Federal Council of Churches as Communist is grossly mistaken. This Bureau reaches no conclusions whatever concerning persons or organizations and is strictly a fact finding agency.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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Sept 5, 1949

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: -

I have just read in several books that your F. B. I. listed ^{Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America} The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America as being Communistic in its sympathies. We would like to know if this be true, so that we can enlighten some of the Churches in our community. I would appreciate very much hearing from you on this matter as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated September 5, 1949, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, you are advised that this Bureau has issued no list of subversive organizations and has not listed in that manner the organization to which you referred. For your information, material contained in our files is required by Departmental regulations to be maintained as confidential and for official use only.

You are further advised that under dates of September 21, 1948 and April 25, 1949, the United States Civil Service Commission released lists of organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States as being subversive and I am enclosing copies of those lists for your perusal. I am also enclosing some material available for distribution by this Bureau which I thought might be of interest to you.

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The two lists of subversive organizations.

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Dear Mr Hoover:

I have been called out to make a report on the Federal Council of Churches whether they are really Communists and I think they are. They want to send literature to our church. Are they what I think they are. And are there any other councils we can be sure of?

Will you please let me know? I know you are very important people, that they

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 12, 1949, has been received and I wish to advise that information of the type you requested is not available for distribution. The files of the FBI are confidential and restricted to official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference from my inability to comply with your request.

You may be sure that the thoughts which prompted your communication are appreciated and I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material which I thought might be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Federal Council of The Churches of Christ in America
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 10, 1949, with enclosure, and I deeply appreciate the thoughts which prompted your communication to me.

Although I would like to be of service in connection with your inquiry, Departmental regulations require that any information in the files of this Bureau be maintained as confidential and available for official use only. For this reason I cannot comply with your request nor can I evaluate the pamphlet forwarded by you. However, I am sure you will understand the necessity for this regulation and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have information in our files because I am unable to be of aid in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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M. J. [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama

This vicious propaganda should be stopped!

Our Government is too easy on these people.

Most Sincerely,

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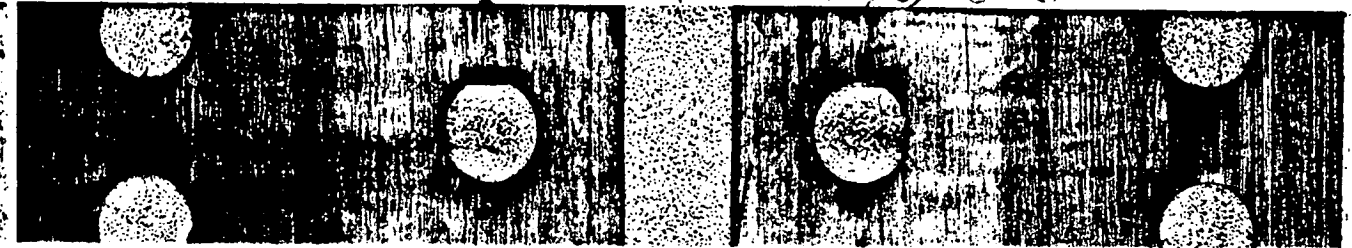
Dear Mr. Hoover,

It would be most desirable to have one of your men attend these meetings in Washington, the coming week, of the "National Conference on Christian Education at the College of Preachers."


I believe this to be a ~~Communist~~ organization. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 12/7/83 BY SP4 dwp/ohw
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young people
This "Federal Council of
Churches" is allied with
several Communist organiza-
tions. (In Mobile they now
call themselves, Mobile C.

of C. ^{b7c}
This man  preaches
against the Marshall Plan
against the Atlantic Pact
against our Country - every
thing we do is wrong,
and Russia is right.

There is a 
 Sec. of the
Fed. C. of C., who has an office
at  and is
continually having meetings,
stirring up Protestants against
Catholics, and ~~white~~ Colored
against white.

I have heard that she
was trained in her "mission
work" by the notorious
blonde Williams of Bir-

Federal Council of Churches

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[Redacted]

(c) Andre Williams

~~Ministry of Churches~~

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January 6, 1950

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 31, 1949, with enclosure, has been received and I want to thank you for writing as you did. You may be sure that I appreciate your making the information you related available to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dec.29, 1949

F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I have heard lately some very unsavory remarks about a number of the leaders in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America being Communists. It is further stated that the F.B.I. has investigated these men and has found many of them to be members of Communist organizations. I would like to know who these men are and what organizations they belong to and the connection these have with Russian dominated Communism. I am a supporter of the Federal Council and do not wish to be a party to any subversive activity that would undermine the historic American government.

I also would like some information regarding John T. Flynn, author of a publication just published called, "The Road Ahead". In this book he makes reference to many of our fine American leaders and makes them out to be leaders of a revolutionary movement designed to destroy our present form of government. The book is filled with cutting remarks and half quotations. This book is published by the Devin-Adair Company of New York. The copy that I have is a special edition distributed by "The Committee for Constitutional Government, Inc." and is located at 205 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y. I would like to know who this Flynn is, especially as to his religious connections, also what the above mentioned organization is. The book sounds like it might be a lot of Facist propoganda. American thinking is being warped badly enough without such things as this going around.

What ever consideration you can give to this letter will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]

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January 11, 1950

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of December 29, 1949, has been received and while I appreciate your writing to me as you did, the files of this Bureau are confidential and restricted to official use only.

I know you will understand the reason for this rule, and that no inference will be drawn that the FBI does or does not possess data in its records with reference to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America or John T. Flynn.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The publication entitled "The Road Ahead," has been investigated by this Bureau, according to file number 100-356743.

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Jan. 17, 1950.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Chief of Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Federal Council of Churches
Near Mr. Hoover.

There are quite a few people to-day that are discussing the merits and demerits of the Federal Council of Churches, and the trend in this section of our country seems to be embracing the idea of endorsing the Federal Council more and more, not withstanding the fact that some of our outstanding ministers are condemning the acts of the council and stating that Communism is creeping into the council. There have been statements in the newspapers that this Federal Council has hindered you in your work.

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to this Federal Council and I am desirous
to know the true status and facts con-
cerning the council (as so many of
us christians do not know the facts)
therefore if you have any information
(which you can release) that will throw
further light on this subject I would
be most happy and appreciative if
you would send it to me.

most respectfully yours,

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[REDACTED]

January 24, 1950

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter dated January 17, 1950, has been received.

EX-3 While I would like to be of service, in accordance with Departmental policy of long standing the files of this Bureau are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the need for such a policy and will draw no inference that we do or do not have information about the organization you mentioned because of my inability to be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent wanted to know if the Federal Council of Churches is all right.

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THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

"Contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3)

15 Park Row, New York 7, N. Y.

Telephone: Dlgby 9-0935

January 25, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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For a long time we have believed that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America merited a careful investigation by you and a report to the people. This letter is to inquire if such investigation has been made, and if you would be so kind, if it has been done, as to provide us with a copy of the same. We know that you must be well acquainted with the report of the Intelligence Department of the United States Navy found in the Congressional Record Volume 79, Part 12, Page 13503 where we read:

"The Federal Council of Christ in America: This is a large, radical, pacifist organization. It probably represents twenty million Protestants in the United States. However, its leadership consists of a small radical group which dictates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matter against National Defense."

There is, of course, an interlocking of leadership between both the Federal Council and the World Council of Churches, and it would be easy to show how both organizations are being used to advance the cause of Marxian ideology in our Country and all over the world.

We assume that you have read very carefully the enclosed item, "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" In future printings, the name of Dr. John A. Mackay, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, will appear since he is the Chairman of the International Missionary Council and very prominent in the officialdom of both the Federal and World Council. We heard Dr. Mackay recently when he addressed a meeting in this City where he unequivocally urged that the U.S.A. Government should grant official recognition of Communist China at the earliest moment possible.

We are enclosing a special report which has been prepared on Dr. Mackay and his associations which we know you will find interesting.

We sincerely hope that you and your associates have now concluded an investigation of the Federal Council, and that you will be so kind as to favor us with a copy of the same.

There are some who do not hold the highest offices in the power of our Nation to grant, as yourself for instance, but whom for their patriotism and distinguished service to our Country we honor infinitely more than we do some who hold higher positions. With warm regards,

Cordially yours,

Wm. Harllee Bordeaux
GENERAL SECRETARY

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cc Dr. W. O. H. Garman

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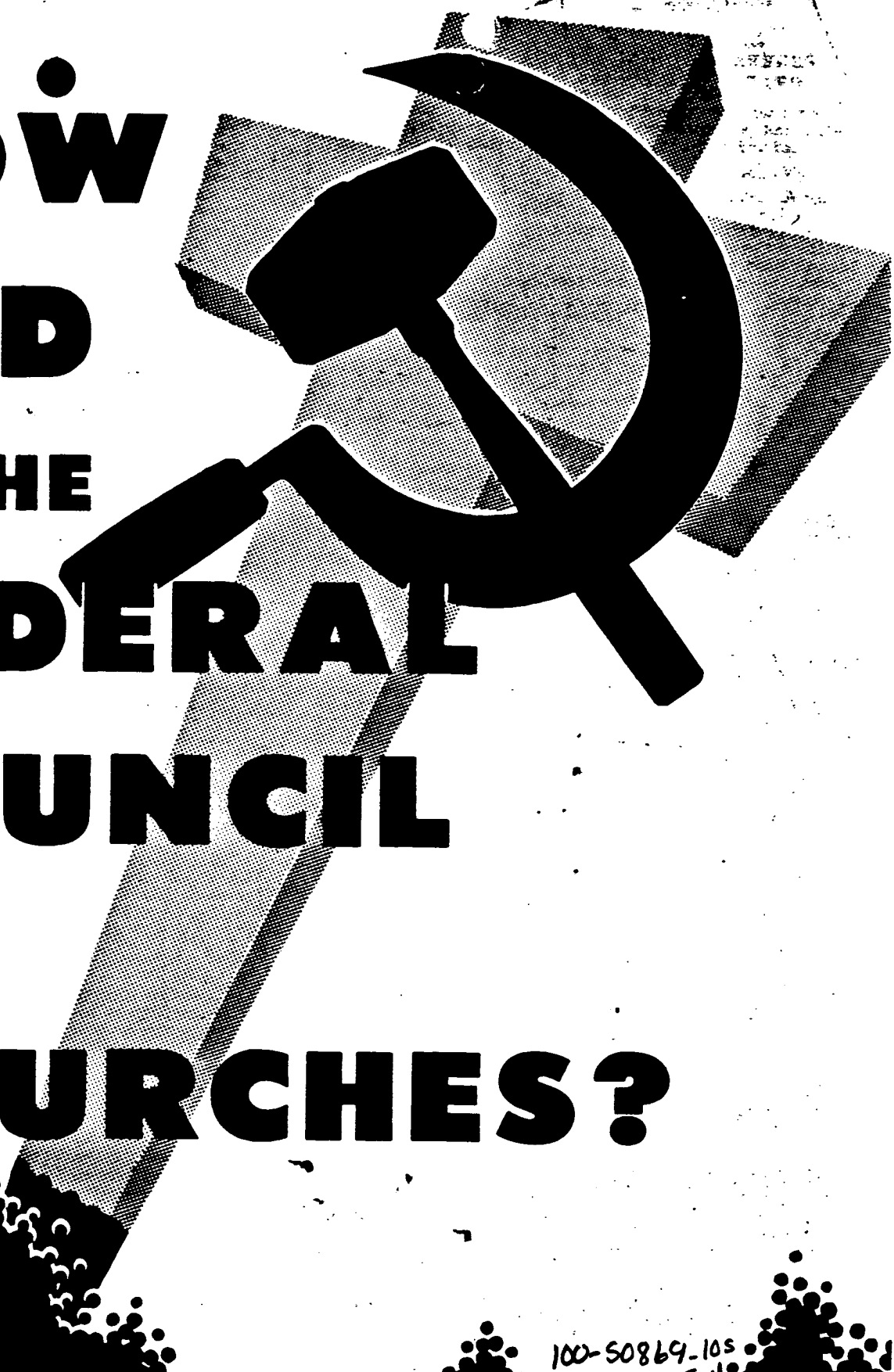
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**READ THE FACTS INSIDE AND
DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS**



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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- Miss Gandy _____

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- What are the facts? _____
- Remarks: _____

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*It is about
time someone
told the Federal
Council off. I
don't know any-
thing about the
Christian Council
but it certainly
said a "month-
full".*

*Get for me the statement
issued by the Federal Coun-
cil also the one issued by
the Federal Council*
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Nich should read carefully particularly that portrait which denies the similarity of Christianity & Communism.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: December 6, 1948

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: INFORMANT
THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

The Omaha Office, by letter dated November 19, 1948, forwarded a clipping from an unnamed newspaper, which read as follows:

"LIVE AMMUNITION

"Before one of the sessions of the State Teachers Meeting in Des Moines last Thursday an F.B.I. agent made the declaration that: 'The Federal Council of Churches is Communistic.' This, of course, is not news to most of us, but we believe that a public declaration such as this, coming from the lips of an F.B.I. representative, and voiced all over our state by our teachers, will, and can be used as live ammunition in the fight."

The clipping was made available by [redacted]

SAC Dalton indicated that he was taking appropriate action to get to the bottom of the matter and would advise the Bureau as soon as he ascertained the source of the information on which the clipping was based.

By teletype SAC Dalton has informed that the remarks attributed to an FBI Agent were actually made by Dr. William E. Warner, professor of education at Ohio State University and formerly a lieutenant-colonel in the Army on assignment with General Eisenhower's staff in Germany at the conclusion of the war.

Warner recently addressed a dinner meeting of the county superintendents section of the Iowa State Teachers Association at Des Moines. This meeting was held at the Hotel Fort Des Moines on the title "Creeping Paralysis of Stalinism."

[redacted] informed that Warner addressed an audience of about 20 individuals, including himself, on November 5, and initiated his remarks with the statement that he had invited the FBI and the American Legion to be present. Dalton points out that no invitation was extended to any FBI representative. [redacted] went on to state that Warner never referred to the FBI again, nor did he intimate that he had any connections with it.

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

December 6, 1948

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According to [redacted] Warner indicated that the Methodists were badly infiltrated with Communism and may have mentioned other church groups such as the Federal Council of Churches, although [redacted] is not certain as to this latter matter. According to [redacted] Warner ranted during his talk and made the people in the audience somewhat agitated and it is possible, if someone did not keep thinking clearly during the talk they might have drawn the conclusion that Warner had some official connection, possibly with the FBI, although no willful statement or implication was intended. [redacted] also suggested the possibility that two strangers present at the meeting might have been imagined to be FBI men by the assembled audience. [redacted] stated that there was no transcript of the lecture available, nor were any notes taken by him, but he was certain that no formal statements were made which might be construed as reflecting opinions of or quoting the FBI in any way.

Dalton's teletype further explains how the loose statements in the clipping originally referred to occurred. The unnamed newspaper in which the clipping was printed is a four-page news sheet put out by the Reverend Harold Day of the North Court Baptist Church, Ottumwa, Iowa. This sheet appears monthly and is sponsored by the Iowa Association of Baptist Churches. It has approximately a 2,500 circulation in Iowa and a limited circulation in Omaha, Nebraska. The Reverend Day informed our Agents that the information on which the clipping was based came to him from [redacted]

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[redacted] presumably, these individuals or one of them was in attendance at the meeting at which Warner spoke, and Day's sources evidently gave him the impression that Warner identified himself or intimated that he was connected with the FBI.

The Agents, while talking to Reverend Day, informed him that Warner was not connected with the FBI nor were there FBI representatives present at the meeting and, accordingly, any statements about the Federal Council of Churches that were made could not be attributed to this Bureau or its representatives. Reverend Day realized his error in not checking the information out and informed the Agents that he would publish a retraction in the next issue of his news sheet, appearing about December 10, and that he would furnish a copy to the Omaha Office.

By way of background on this matter, it has been ascertained by the Omaha Office that the Reverend Day belongs to the American Council of Churches, which is in opposition to the Federal Council of Churches.

make certain this is done.
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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

December 6, 1948

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The Omaha Office will follow and advise the Bureau as to the retraction by Day in the next issue of his paper. It is believed also that the Omaha Office should be directed to contact Day's informants, [redacted] and make sure that they are in possession of accurate facts about this matter. It is not believed that any other action should be taken at this time since the retraction in the news sheet, if it appears, will be circulated to the same individuals approximately who received the edition containing the false statement. There is attached hereto a letter to the Omaha Field Division along the lines recommended herein.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
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Tele. Room
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Miss Gandy

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 [REDACTED]
 November 10, 1949

J. Edgar Hoover
 F. B. I.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

About a month ago the First Methodist Church of White Plains, New York in cooperation with the Laymen's Inter-Church Council of White Plains decided to hold a Reformation Day service, in commemoration of the Reformation movement started by Martin Luther, on Sunday, October 30, 1949. The Methodist Church secured the aid of a number of the churches in White Plains as well as churches throughout Westchester County. The service was sponsored by the Laymen's Inter-Church Council of White Plains in cooperation with Protestant Laymen from other Westchester communities. More than five thousand persons attended to hear the speaker, the Reverent G. Bromley Oxnam, D. D., bishop of the Methodist Church, New York area, president of the World Council of Churches, and former president of the Federal Council of Churches.

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The Fundamental churches and associations in White Plains and Westchester conducted a Reformation Day missionary rally at the Eastview school's auditorium in White Plains on the same day. These churches and organizations decided that a Bible-believing Reformation Day Rally which told the whole story concerning the ultimate outcome of the ecumenical movement, especially in missionary circles, should be held. This rally was addressed by the Reverent D. A. Moffat, field representative of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. After this rally about twenty people volunteered to go over and distribute pamphlets, of which there is one enclosed, to the people leaving the County Center from Oxnam's rally. These pamphlets are titled, "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" prepared by the American Council of Christian Laymen in Madison, Wisconsin. Permission had been secured earlier that day from Police Headquarters in White Plains as long as there was no distribution on Parkway property. Parkway police officers directed the group from Parkway property. About a hundred pamphlets had been given out when a White Plains police officer said the material could not be given out at all. The leaders of this group then went to Police Headquarters and by the time the matter was straightened out it was too late to return to distribute the remainder of the pamphlets. The police at Headquarters said they were sorry and were very much interested. They told the group it was too bad there were not more people like them in Westchester. An account of this incident was published in the White Plains paper.

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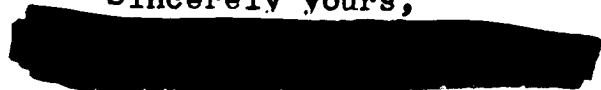
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As you can see this pamphlet lists forty-nine Federal Council Leaders and forty-six of the Communist, Communist-front and Socialist organizations with which these men have been affiliated with. Reverent Oxnam has been affiliated with eleven of these organizations. I could not imagine why the Laymen's Inter-Church Council would want such a man as that to speak for them.

One of the associations which backed the rally at which Moffat spoke happens to have been founded by me and of which I am also a vice-president. I, therefore, would like to know just what you think of these pamphlets that were given out. Do they state the situation as it stands today? If so, just what can be done about it? I would appreciate your courtesy of giving me your opinion on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. William Harless Bordeaux
General Secretary
The American Council of Christian Churches
15 Park Row
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Bordeaux:

I have received your letter dated January 25, 1950, and in answer to your inquiry I wish to advise that it will not be possible to furnish the information desired since the files of the FBI are confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference that we do or do not have the desired data because of my inability to assist you.

I appreciate your making the enclosure available to me and I do want to thank you for your kind comments relative to my administration of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Although there have been many allegations that the Federal Council of Churches in America is Communist infiltrated and a main investigation file which was opened on the Council (100-50689), there has been cordial correspondence with various members as late as October 1948 when certain material on juvenile delinquency was furnished, and certain information regarding statistics on church membership were secured from the Federal Council of Churches by the Bureau as late as March 1949 (94-1-91672 and 94-4-2342). We have had previous correspondence with Mr. Bordeaux and with other members of the American Council of Christian Churches. As a matter of fact in April 1947 Reverend W. C. H. Gorman, Director of Civil Affairs for the American Council of Christian Churches, wrote the Director along quite similar lines to the present letter alleging pro-Russian sympathies on the part of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ. (94-37233 and 94-37557) Although in his present letter Mr. Bordeaux apparently mentions two separate enclosures, the pamphlet "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches" and a special report on Dr. Mackay, only the former was enclosed. In view of the nature of his letter, however, it is not deemed advisable to inquire further regarding the special report.

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Feb. 7 1950.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I have been told that your department has investigated "The Federal Council of Churches". I would like much to have a copy of this investigation, or if it has not been investigated I feel it should be. I have also read and heard that this Council is Communist. If these statements are true, and many others I know, do not forget to

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support it in any way.
Will you please let me know as
soon as possible what your
department has found out about
this Council.

Thank you,
Respectfully yours,

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February 10, 1950

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 7, 1950, has been received and while I would like to be of service to you in connection with your request for information concerning "The Federal Council of Churches", I wish to advise that the files of this Bureau are confidential and restricted to official use only. I know you will understand the reason for this and that no inference will be drawn that the FBI does or does not possess data in its records concerning the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

"Contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3)

15 Park Row, New York 7, N. Y.

February 8, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Telephone Disb.	9-0935
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Tele. Room	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is to thank you very much for your letter of February 3rd, and we do understand the restrictions which are placed upon you and your Department by law. And, as you well know, we do wish to be law-abiding in every respect.

We still believe with all our hearts that Russia's most effective fifth column in America is the modernistic, pro-socialistic and some of it outright communistic leadership as seen in many who hold high positions in the Federal Council of Churches. Believing as we do that socialism quite as effectively as communism would lead to the destruction of all our freedoms in this country, it seems to us that the activities of the Federal Council of Churches should be thoroughly investigated if this has not already been done.

If it would require special legislation for the results of such an investigation to be widely disseminated throughout the country, then we think that such legislation should be accomplished. Such publicity broadcast would enable genuine Americans to decide in the light of the evidence whether they wish to remain in membership and by their gifts to finance such an organization as the Federal Council of Churches.

I am sure that you know how sincere I am when I say that we think that you and your Department and the House Committee on un-American Activities have no better friends than the leadership and the membership at large of this Council. With prayerful good wishes,

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Cordially yours,
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Wm. Harlee Berceaux
Wm. Harlee Berceaux
GENERAL SECRETARY

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Mr. Wm. Harlee Bordeaux
General Secretary
The American Council
of Christian Churches
15 Park Row
New York 7, New York

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Dear Mr. Bordeaux:

Your letter dated February 8, 1950,
has been received and it was thoughtful of you
to express your understanding of the limitations
which are placed on our confidential files.

You may be sure that the interest
which prompted your communication is deeply
appreciated. While I have always refrained from
injecting my views into matters involving
legislation, I am grateful for your action in
making your comments available to me.

The good wishes which you conveyed
with respect to my administration of the FBI are
most welcome and I hope that our efforts will
always be deserving of the unqualified approval
of the officers and members of your Council.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, District of Columbia

February 6, 1950

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In your investigations regarding subversive activities in our nation as carried out by various organizations, I wonder if you have had occasion to look into the following.

1. \ Spiritual Mobilization.
2. The \ International Council of Christian Churches.
3. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

I am interested in general accusations that have been made against the first named organization and the third one. I have only recently encountered number two. Any information that you may give in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

If it is against your policy to release this information you need only say so in answer. Trusting that I shall soon hear from you I am,

Yours in Christian servitude,



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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated February 6, 1950, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, I am unable to comply with your request for information concerning the organizations you named since information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only.

I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference that we do or do not have the desired data because of my inability to assist you. It occurred to me that you might like to read the material which I enclose.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

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a part of a Communist Organization
I want to get out. I lot of others do
and if it dont, I want to be a means of
helping stop this man. he is a full
blooded functionary his mother cant
speak English. and a former Catholic
sinner. I hope that the Communist are
working every way they can to take up
the church. and if the Federal Council
of Churches dont a Communist organ
ization. Will I wonder about him
so please spare just a few minutes
to enlighten us.

I am a Sunday school teacher
also. pres of the. Womens society
of Christian Service

Sincerely -
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P.S. if you cant give the information I ask
for. please forward my letter to the proper
place. as this is important to us. if our
churches have gone Communist. the dual
people would like to know.

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G.I.R.A.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated February 13, 1950, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service the files of the FBI are confidential and available for official use only.

I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference that we do, or do not, have the desired information because of my inability to be of service.

It is suggested that you may wish to communicate with the Acting Clerk, un-American Activities Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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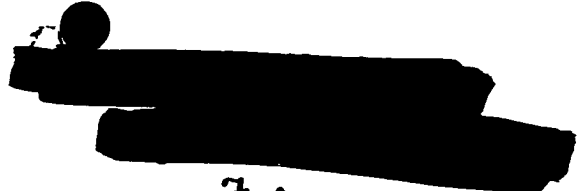
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February 19, 1950.

J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Federal Council of Churches.

Dear Sir,

I'm writing to ask two questions and hoping for answers to both. Is "The Federal Council of Churches" a Communist front? I have before me a pamphlet dramatically displaying the red hammer and sickle stamped over the cross, entitled "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches" - while inside of this pamphlet is a huge red web, with a huge large red spider in the center of the web, on its back is superimposed the hammer and sickle. Inside it lists the names of high church dignitaries and the groups they are sympathetic with and are affiliated with in un-American activities. This pamphlet is compiled by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison 1, Miss. A question arises in my mind of the authenticity and sincerity of this Laymen's Council. If they are ¹⁰⁰⁻⁵⁰⁸¹⁹⁻¹⁹ ~~not~~ ¹⁰⁰⁻⁵⁰⁸¹⁹⁻¹⁹ sincere, sowing seeds of doubt and dissension among the peoples of the churches and thus alienating them further, so it will be easier to conquer at will. I wonder if I, myself, am too stupid to realize, what these insidious groups of highly educated people, of whom ¹⁰⁰⁻⁵⁰⁸¹⁹⁻¹⁹ ~~not~~ ¹⁰⁰⁻⁵⁰⁸¹⁹⁻¹⁹ I estimate, are trying to perpetrate.

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Now I come to the ~~rest~~ ^{of} the pressing questions that caused me to turn and try to find out what was going on around me and hoping it's not too late to remedy it. Some-

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time, ago my husband and I became affiliated with a group of people, national in scope. We are registered in N.Y.C. as members. We get literature addressed to us in connection with "The Council For Social Action", 289 Fourth Ave. New York 10, N.Y. The Pilgrim Memorial Congregational Church Jamestown, N.Y. is sponsoring the S.A. and is listed as a Social Action Pilot Project for training of future leaders. Members belonging to this group come from outlying groups of Congregational Christian Churches and come from all walks of life ministers, teachers, working men, business men and farmers. The next meeting for the Social Action Pilot Project to be held is scheduled for Sun. March 5th, 1950. I understand anyone can come however, I believe it is not encouraged. At these meetings which are the 1st Sunday night each month speakers are sent from N.Y.C. from the Social Action Council. Dr. Shirley Greene, Agric. man was here, Dr. Herman F. Reissig, Sec. to International Relations was last speaker. I should hate to think we were being used by the communists for their nefarious work to overthrow our government. Am I right or wrong in thinking something isn't quite on the level? I hope I'm wrong.

I am anxiously awaiting your answers before taking action of a different nature. I hope our trust has not been misplaced.

* Council For Social Action
 * Social Action Pilot Project
 Sincerely yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson
FROM : L. B. Nichols
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By reference of the Director's office, I talked with Fred W. Ramsey, who will be in Washington tomorrow and who is arranging for a series of nationwide broadcasts under the auspices of the Church's Worldwide Service under the Federal Council of Churches. They are launching a campaign to raise funds for the benefit of overseas churches and they desire the Director to make a three-minute recording of a statement to be used on the American Broadcasting network to dedicate the program on the night of March 9, 1950. They would be glad to furnish a memorandum covering the subject matter, to help prepare the statement and render any assistance in order to save the Director's time. Among the other participants are Charles Taft, E. Stanley Jones and Governor Stassen.

I explained the Director had considerable travel to carry on in the next few days; that it was very doubtful if he could work this in but that I would talk to him and get his views. Unless advised to the contrary I will tell him the Director cannot do this.

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cc. E. R. Jones
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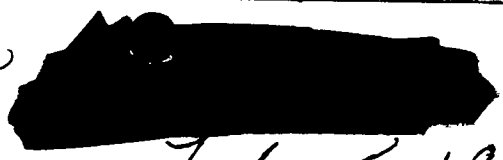
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Feb. 25, 1950

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington D. C.

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Special Agent

Dear Sirs:

Would you kindly inform me whether the F. B. I. has a part in the investigation of subversive or communistic activities in the "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America" and if so, how appointments are made and what are the necessary requirements of qualifications to secure such an appointment as an investigator?

I am deeply concerned and interested in the issues at stake in this country's departure from the true faith in God and I am well informed as to what is going on within religious organizations in the world - and would be interested in helping all I can to uncover the sinister and communistic and communistic and communistic

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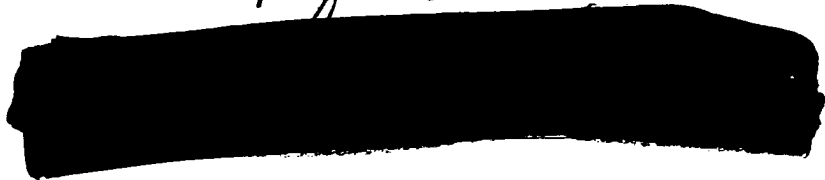
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the priceless heritage we have as Americans -
but may not have much longer if things
continue as they are.

Thank you for any information.

Yours truly for Christ and
America.

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Feb. 25, 1950

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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Thank you for any information.

Yours truly for Christ and America,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated February 25, 1950, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate the thoughts which prompted your communication.

While I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI is required to be maintained as confidential and for official use only. No inference should be drawn, however, that we do or do not have in our files information concerning the organization mentioned in your letter, because of my inability to be of assistance.

If at any time you come into possession of information regarding un-American activities or related matters within the jurisdiction of this Bureau, please furnish details to the Special Agent in Charge of our New Haven Office, 510 The Trust Company Building, New Haven 10, Connecticut.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material of possible interest, including statements of qualifications necessary for appointment to positions in the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director's Testimony before HCUA
God or Chaos?

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March 7 - 1950

Gentlemen;

I would like to have you give me some information on Stanley Jones, Bishop of the Episcopal Church, head of the Federal Council of Churches. I am told they lean toward Communism. Is this true? I would like to have you give me a little information along this line if possible or when I could get some reliable literature on this subject. Thank you very much.

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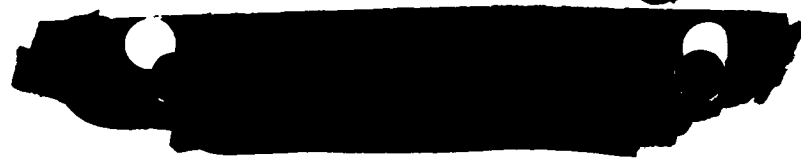
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March 21, 1950

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Thank you for your letter of March 3, 1950 with enclosures which are very helpful.

Since my age is 50 and my height only 5 ft. 6 in. I am unable to qualify as an employee of the F. B. I.

However, I want you to know that my interests are with you, especially in the matter of revealing and exposing subversive activities within the churches and clergy of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and their constituent organizations.

If possible, I would like to procure some more copies of your fine article "God or Chaos". How much would a dozen copies cost? Thank you for your help, and doing such a fine job.
Sincerely yours

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**Outlining a Program of Action to
Preserve Our American Liberties**

The American Council of Christian Laymen was organized to meet the need for united action in opposition to the teaching of Communism-Socialism in Churches and Church-connected organizations.

Eradication of this subversive teaching can come only through an aggressive campaign of action waged by an organization such as this Council.

This Council is the only organization operating on a nation-wide basis which devotes itself exclusively to attacking this problem directly.

It is of prime importance that the writings and authentic quoted statements of pro-Communist preachers, youth leaders, editors and professors be carefully analyzed. The pro-Communists are shrewd men, highly skilled in all arts of propaganda; they show great ability to gloss over their true meaning and intention with a flow of pious phrases about their loyalty to America and hatred of totalitarianism.

Public Exposure Important

This propaganda must be exposed in both the religious and secular press, and must be given to the lay members in detail, that they may be fully informed about how they are being betrayed.

Laymen of the various denominations must be encouraged to form groups within their own churches, or inter-denominational local groups, and to organize denominationally on regional, state and nation-wide basis.

These groups may be chapters of the American Council of Christian Laymen if such affiliation appears desirable; in any event they will have the active cooperation of the Council in all their activities.

Teaching of Communism-Socialism in and through the Churches is one of the worst, if not in fact the worst "canker sores" in America today.

Every patriotic American, man or woman, is invited to aid the work of this Council. The form below is for your convenience in indicating your desire to assist. Act today—It is later than you think!

American Council of Christian Laymen
Madison 1, Wisconsin

I wish to assist the program of the Council.

_____ Please enroll me as a member.

_____ Send me literature on how I can help.
Put me in the following group:

_____ Active _____ \$5 to \$25
_____ Contributor _____ \$30 to \$100
_____ Donor _____ \$200 to \$500
_____ Benefactor _____ \$1,000 and above

I enclose my contribution in the amount of _____
Contributions and membership dues are deductible for income tax purposes.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZONE _____ STATE _____

(Clergymen may enroll as associate members of any group.)

Shall Our Churches Teach

Christianity

or

Communism?

Infiltration of Protestant Churches by the Communists has proceeded to the point that thousands of pastors preach from the works of Karl Marx rather than from the Holy Writ, and every major denomination has within it organizations devoted to the doctrines of Communism-Socialism.

This trend must be halted or liberty of worship and all other liberties will be lost.

Only an organized movement of

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American Council of Christian Laymen

122 W. Washington Avenue

Madison 1, Wisconsin

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ENCLOSURE

Our Danger is Real, and Immediate!

America's most dangerous enemies are respected citizens who hold positions of leadership.

No man knows more about the activities of subversive groups seeking to destroy America than J. Edgar Hoover. He says:

I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work.

Many of the pastors who stand in pulpits Sunday after Sunday expounding the principles of Communism-Socialism have the highest of motives; they have accepted as true the monstrous Communist lie that "Communism is concerned with economic welfare."

Editor Follows Communist Line

The phrase just quoted begins an article in *The Christian Advocate* of Sept. 8, 1949, prepared by professors of Garrett Biblical Institute, to show their views of Christianity and Communism. The professors find that Communism and Christianity are much alike! Their position is typical of the views of thousands of Protestant Church leaders.

Editorially the *Advocate* lauded the Garrett professors for their findings, and declared that "The differences between Christianity and Communism lie in the field of ethics, not economics."

Are we then to believe that Christian teachings justify confiscation of all property of all citizens in order that it may be placed in the hands of a ruthless, murderous dictatorship? That's Communist economics!

Whether misguided or deliberately repeating Communist propaganda, preachers and theological seminary professors who tell church members and the public of America that Christianity and Communism have many points in common, and that their differences can be reconciled, are more dangerous than Soviet spies and saboteurs.

The FBI takes care of spies and saboteurs, but all too seldom is there even mild rebuke for the false religious leaders who are doing such an important job for the Moscow masters of the Communist Party in America.

False Leaders Aid Communists

These false leaders are "softening up" Americans for acceptance of Marxian doctrines, and they are helping most efficiently in the Communist plot to destroy the Churches. Hence just one of these trusted leaders can do more damage than a dozen spies, saboteurs and Communist Party orators.

Every major denomination has within it so-called "social action" or "social gospel" groups which teach Communism-Socialism under pretense that it is "practical Christianity."

For example, the Council of Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches maintains a legislative lobby at Washington; this lobby supports every radical and crack-pot measure proposed to Congress.

The Council for Social Action is an official body of the Churches, and uses mission funds to promote its political program. Most of the other denominational groups are unofficial, but they use the denominational name, and pretend to represent all members of the Churches.

It's time to call a halt!

Our Only Hope: Organize!

We must save our Churches from destruction. They will be destroyed if they continue to turn from the Way of the Cross to follow political paths, whether these paths lead to left or right. A Church dedicated to preaching political dogmas no longer is a true Church; rather, it is a wing of some political, economic or revolutionary movement.

Just to save our Churches would be well worth an all-out struggle, but a great deal more than the fate of the Churches depends upon the result of Communist efforts to capture them.

America's Christian Heritage

America was founded upon Christian principles. Only in the New Testament can we find the principles of the importance and dignity of the individual, and of the equality of men, which the Founders wrote into the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. These principles cannot be found in the sacred writings of any other religion, nor in the works of any of the world's philosophers.

These principles must be saved, and the only way to save them is to save the Churches as teachers of Christianity. If the Churches are destroyed, all our liberties will be lost.

Future Depends on Laymen

Only the laymen can save our Churches. We cannot hope that the clergy can or will be of major assistance. The top or central organizations of all major denominations (except the more conservative Lutheran bodies) are controlled by clerics who have accepted basic Marxian doctrines; these leaders discourage preaching of the undefiled Christian gospel, and they encourage use of the Church name and prestige, and allow Church mission funds to be used for promulgation of Marxian doctrines.

In many cases the Marx-inspired "hierarchies" go so far as to persecute preachers who refuse to accept and preach Communist doctrines; in a number of instances they have unfrocked preachers whose only "heresy" is to preach from the Bible rather than from the Communist Manifesto.

Even more completely than the denominational organizations, the Federal Council of Churches is controlled by Communist fellow-travelers and apologists.

How the leadership of the Federal Council is "shot through" with Communist fellow travelers and apologists is shown by the informative chart published by the American Council of Christian Laymen.

Laymen Must Organize — and Act

Only if the Laymen organize and recapture control of their Churches can the Communistic program of the Federal Council be curbed.

Remember, the Churches are not the property of the clergy. Control of Protestant Churches is vested in the laity, and they must recapture it.

As individuals the church members are helpless; only if they organize and demand their rights can they retain their liberty of worship and all other liberties which Americans hold dear.

A constructive program of action is on the next page.

March 24, 1950

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 21, 1950, with enclosures, has been received, and I do want to thank you for your renewed offer of cooperation with this Bureau.

In accordance with your request it is a pleasure to enclose some additional copies of the publication you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mar. 14, 1950

F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

If it is permissible, I would appreciate your sending me information regarding the socialistic and communistic tendencies of the Federal Council of Churches.

Yours truly,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 14, 1950, has been received.

Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request for information, I wish to advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau to hold its files confidential and available for official use only.

I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do or do not have data in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
% Secret Service FBI
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you to know if the federal council of Churches
is connected with communists? Answer by wire collect.

Yours very truly

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Dear Sir:

A local community figure, much in the public eye and often in print, locally, has made the statement that the F.B.I. and that you, in particular, Mr. Hoover, have come out openly with the charge that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America constitutes one of the most dangerous subversive groups in America. That charge has found a rather wide acceptance among a certain group of people here, and it has disturbed several others who cannot believe it, and yet are afraid not to believe it.

The Methodist Church is a member of the Federal Council; and, as such, is responsible for a share of its policies and programs. Certainly, if you and your Department are of this opinion you would want the Church at large to know it. If you are not of this opinion, someone should be able to silence the rumor with direct authority.

Personally, I feel that the Federal Council of Churches is a great constructive force for bringing twenty-seven of the denominations of Protestantism into a working, program planning, policy building, arrangement.

I should count it a favor, Mr. Hoover, if you would clarify the attitude of the F.B.I. in this matter.

Thank you.

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Most sincerely yours,

March 21, 1950

I have never made any such statement for the very reason we have not investigated it & consequently I would be in no position to express any view concerning it if I was included.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated March 21, 1950, with enclosure, has been received and I want to assure you that I have never made any such statement as that ascribed to me. The organization which you mentioned has not been the subject of any investigation by the FBI.

I trust this information will clarify any doubts in the minds of your congregation or you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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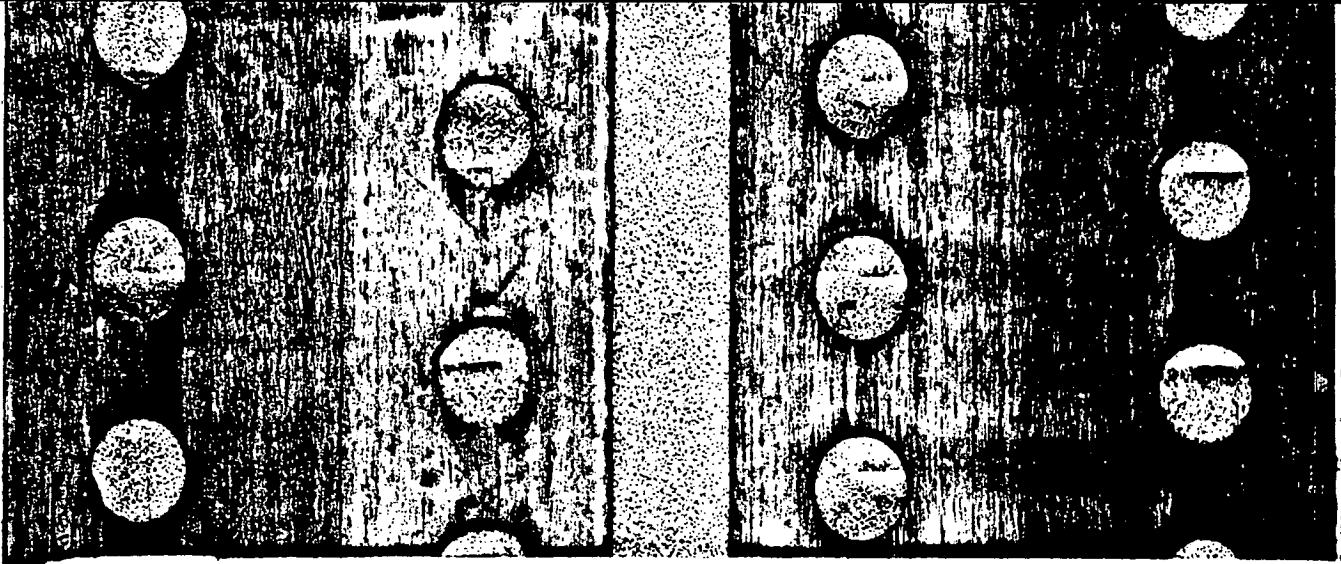
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March 22, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
F.B.I.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am vitally interested in the un-American activity groups and would like to have, if you can furnish me with it, information on one group in particular.

There is much literature concerning the Federal Council of Churches being a pacifist group and according to one report, they were listed by the Naval Intelligence Bureau service several years ago as un-American in this activity. I have written the Navy but they tell me that they have no available information. Can you give me any information on the activity of the Council and if possible, provide me with a "pub" [unclear] activity groups?

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 22, 1950, has been received and I wish to advise that the FBI has not prepared lists of the type you mentioned, and accordingly, I am unable to be of service in connection with your request.

For your information, files of this Bureau are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have data in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

It is suggested that you may wish to communicate with the Chairman, Civil Service Commission, 8th and F Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C., to obtain information distributed by that agency with reference to subversive groups.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Bureau of Federal Investigation,
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am inclosing a booklet edited by the American Council of Christian Churches, on, "What is wrong with the Federal Council?" *of Churches*

Would you kindly have one of your aids scan its pages and inform me as to the authenticity of the charges.

I am acquainted with much of its ways and systems, but only in a second-hand manner. My purpose is to defend our religious rights, by speaking truth. *mf*

I trust that you may be able to help me in some measure, may it be great or small. I take this opportunity in thanking you.

Stamped, addressed envelope inclosed for your convenience.

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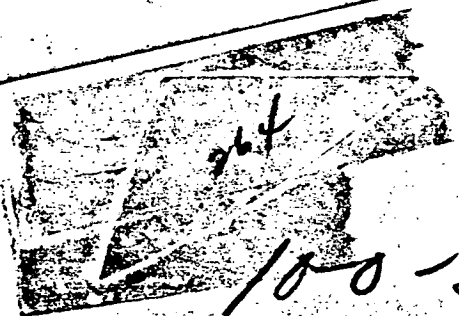
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What Is Wrong
with the
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By
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Secretary
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**Denominations affiliated with the
Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America**

National Baptist Convention
Northern Baptist Convention
Church of the Brethren
Congregational Christian Churches
Disciples of Christ
Evangelical Church
Evangelical and Reformed Church
Friends
The Methodist Church
African M. E. Church
African M. E. Zion Church
Colored M. E. Church in America
Moravian Church
Presbyterian Church in U. S.
Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.
Protestant Episcopal Church
Reformed Church in America
Russian Orthodox Church in North America
Seventh Day Baptist Churches
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church
of North America
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America
United Brethren in Christ
United Church of Canada
United Lutheran Church (Consultative Body)
United Presbyterian Church

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**What Is Wrong
With The Federal Council of Churches?**

By Rev. W. O. H. Garman

Introduction:

1. It has been suggested that we could save ourselves a lot of time if we would reverse our theme, and consider instead, "What is right about the Federal Council of Churches?" This is very true; but nevertheless, we owe it to the public to let it be known why an ever-increasing throng of sincere Christians are severing their connections with the Federal Council and also why many acquainted with the political trends of the day are condemning the Federal Council because of its subversive activities. It is because of these subversive activities that there has been talk of the F. B. I. and the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives making an investigation of the Federal Council. We hope that such an investigation will be made, for the public is woefully ignorant and even disinclined, when informed, to believe that the leaders of the great Protestant denominations could be so guilty. Just recently at a dinner attended by some of the nation's most outstanding men in their respective fields, at which meeting the Federal Council was exposed by a representative of the American Council, one of the leading newspaper men in the country rose to his feet following that exposé and addressing those present said, "Gentlemen, we are being sold down the river." He meant this was being done by their religious leaders. This had not dawned upon these men until this exposé was made. The reprehensible thing is that Federal Council denominations are constantly soliciting funds from such wealthy members and using them to finance their modernistic and communistic activities.

2. It is because there is so much wrong with the Federal Council that we cannot and dare not, if we would be true to the Lord and His cause, be a member. Very serious charges have repeatedly been made against the Federal Council by individuals and agencies of unquestionable integrity. We mention their integrity because it is the policy of the Federal Council and their Communist allies to conduct a smear campaign against anyone of any consequence who has exposed its nefarious doings. This was done in their pamphlet, "Forces Disrupting the Churches."

3. So many serious charges have been made and substantiated against the Federal Council that one hardly knows where to begin in such a discussion as this. One thing is certain, and that is that it is not possible, limited as we are by time, to name them all. We shall mention but two charges, either of which however is of sufficient significance to convince any open-minded investigator that the Federal Council is a menace both to the true Christian church and to the nation.

1.

FIRST OF ALL, WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE FEDERAL COUNCIL IS DEFINITELY ANTI-AMERICAN.

We use the term "American" in preference to the term "democracy," because "democracy" is one of the words the enemies of our government have captured and used to advance their own ends. Totalitarian Russia, for instance, which is constantly held up for emulation by certain outstanding leaders in the Federal Council, claims to be a democracy, and thereby misleads many. Actually, Russia is not communistic, let alone democratic. We heard a converted Communist speak some time ago—a man who left America some years back to go to Russia, since he then imagined that there he would find a superior type of government and environment to what he enjoyed here. Instead, he found that in Russia they had the worst kind of dictatorship. He was very glad to get back to America. Much the same thing is related in W. L. White's "Report on the Russians." He tells how the common people enjoy no real liberty, work when and where and for what wages the state dictates, and this without the privilege of striking. The ruling class lives most luxuriously, wining and dining on the choicest food and drink money can buy, while the common people subsist on a fare that is not on a par with our prison diet; nor dare they complain about it either! As Lady Astor recommended in a speech here recently, the Reds ought to go to Russia. She said, they would find out that in capitalistic America "there is more freedom and higher living standards . . . than in any nation in the history of the world."

When we say that the Federal Council is anti-American, we mean to infer that many of its leaders are opposed to our American form of government and our free economy, and, more serious yet, that they have engaged in subversive activities which jeopardize our nation's very life.

We say this for two reasons:

1. **First, the Federal Council has been pacifistic in the very worst sense of the term.** There are some pacifists we respect; namely, the Mennonites and Brethren. We say this even though we do not see eye to eye with them. No matter how much they oppose war and the Christian's participation, they never resort to subversive activity or seek the overthrow of the nation. Then too, there are the Quakers. They won't fight, but they will drive ambulances and take care of the wounded. In spite of their pacifism, I have never heard them charged with being cowardly or involved in treason.

The Federal Council, to the contrary, opposes war, defensive and offensive, and all attempts on the part of America to arm properly. For many years prior to World War II, it did all it possibly could do, which was plenty, to prevent our nation from preparing for the war every informed person knew was coming. Other nations were madly preparing for that war, in particular Russia, Japan, and Germany. One thing is most significant. Even though the Federal Council constantly objected to America preparing even on a small scale, she,

to our knowledge, registered no objections to the vast preparations Russia was making. We remember that at the time, this matter was brought out in the press.

When the Japs launched their despicable Pearl Harbor sneak attack, we were only 15% prepared according to the statements made by Gen. Geo. C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, and the then Senator Harry S. Truman. These statements, many will recall, were quoted by Mr. Dewey, the Republican candidate for President. Mr. Dewey put all the blame for this disgraceful situation on President Roosevelt and his administration.

No doubt the Roosevelt Administration was guilty, but not wholly so. The awful responsibility must be shared by the Federal Council, for it was the Federal Council which everlastingly put pressure upon the Roosevelt Administration not to prepare; and don't forget the Federal Council, at the time, claimed to represent 22,000,000 people and was perhaps the largest pressure group in the country.

To be more specific, to what measures did the Federal Council resort in order to hamstringing the nation's attempts at preparedness?

They first of all carried on an incessant lobbying campaign in Washington. This was highly successful to their way of thinking, but well nigh disastrous to the nation. It brought death to many thousands of our boys who were not properly equipped or trained. How successful it was is seen in the following quotation taken from a review of the critical and historical study of the acts of the Federal Council as made by Dr. John A. Hutchison, an approved Federal Council historian.

Said Dr. Hutchison, "Disarmament was the pet theme of the 1920's. (p. 204.) In 1928 the Federal Council protested against the naval program, and the pressure of several groups was so great that **instead of building 71 new warships, we built only 17.** (p. 204.) In 1933, it again protested the use of WPA funds for naval buildings. In 1934 it requested the President to withhold appropriations for naval expansion. Again, in 1935, it protested military expenditures and tried to lead a church crusade against the government policies of rearmament. (p. 207.) It opposed the drafting of men for military service and was so blind to the evident signs that in 1938 it again protested military expenditures, because it was "unwarranted by any evidence," they said, "thus far presented—" (p. 207.) Since that time we have had the evidence, but it was too late to go back. Mr. Hutchison had this criticism to make of the Council's efforts—"It failed utterly to understand the dictators, and that, practically speaking, such a policy added up to appeasement." (p. 213.)

Our military leaders were aware of the Federal Council's activities. The United States Navy, through its Intelligence Department which is the Secret Service of the Navy, declared (and this declaration is part of the Congressional Record), "The Federal Council of Christ in Am

ica: This is a large, radical, pacifist organization. It probably represents 20,000,000 Protestants in the United States. However, its leadership consists of a small radical group which dictates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matter against National Defense."

The second manner in which the Federal Council carried on its pacifistic program was by encouraging objectors, many of whom do not merit being called conscientious. This was done in three ways.

(1) First, as Dr. Hutchison their historian points out, they "advocated peace strikes of workers." (p. 123.) Laboring men were encouraged to strike, rather than defend their country. They were instructed not to support the nation financially during a war nor to engage in the manufacture of arms. Such treasonable conduct characterized many workers and others influenced by Moscow and communistic teaching, who insisted that World War II was an imperialistic war brought on by capitalistic nations. Everything possible was done to slow up production in plants manufacturing arms for the Allies and also for the United States. But as soon as Russia was attacked, all the Reds, pinks, and fellow-travellers became very patriotic and began to clamor for arms and assistance for Russia. Speaking of imperialism, Russia, of all the allies, has been the worst offender. World conquest is her aim. She has already taken over most of Europe, a large part of Asia, and is demanding territory in North Africa and the Mediterranean. Before Stalin and Hitler fell out over the division of spoils Russia was Hitler's ally.

(2) Secondly, Federal Council leaders working through various agencies and, in particular, the Methodist Church, persuaded large numbers of students to declare that they never would take part in any war, including wars of defense, and that they would give no assistance whatever to support any war effort. Conscientious objectors from the Mennonite, Brethren, and other such groups, while they would not fight, did not object to working on farms and, to our knowledge, rendered a real service to the nation. But some of these Federal Council objectors wouldn't even help produce food to feed the nation during the war. They did not, however, hesitate to eat their share of what others raised. According to the press, they spent their days lolling around the special camps provided for them, reading communistic, modernistic, and other radical literature, and debating the themes discussed therein. These Federal Council stooges not only brought reproach upon themselves, but upon sincere souls who were true conscientious objectors, and unfortunate enough often to have to share the same camp.

(3) Thirdly, in its official documents, the Federal Council has invariably been pacifistic. To our knowledge, the Federal Council never went on record endorsing the war effort of World War II. The various fundamentalist groups, to the contrary, and the American Council of Christian Churches in particular, gave their unqualified support

to the nation in its righteous undertaking of putting an end to Nazi, Fascist, and Japanese aggression. The Federal Council condemned our nation for bombing Germany's cities and for using the Atomic Bomb on the Japanese. It was estimated by military authorities that if we had not used the Atomic Bomb, not only would the war have been prolonged, but at least a million of our brave lads would have fallen invading Japan. Although we deplore the necessity of taking life, we feel that the use of the Atomic Bomb was justifiable, especially in dealing with a criminal nation like Japan, guilty as she was of ruthless aggression and indescribable atrocities. As of this writing, the Federal Council is advocating that "the churches call upon the Government of the United States to affirm publicly, with suitable guarantees, that it will under no circumstances be the first to use Atomic weapons in any possible future war." Such a policy, if adopted, would be suicidal and would put us at the mercy of aggressor nations, some of which—Russia, for instance—would have no compunctions whatever about using the bomb on us. It is now known that one night's bombing, properly spaced and timed, could wipe out all the large cities of America. If we should wait until that happened before we acted, it would be too late.

Summary: In the light of all that we have been saying, we have a very serious charge to make against the Federal Council of Churches.

(1) **We must charge the leaders of the Federal Council**, along with others, with being **co-responsible** for the unnecessary slaughter of thousands of our men and the unnecessary prolongation of the war, caused by the nation's lack of preparedness—and this because in the case of the Federal Council, it had succeeded in hamstringing all preparedness measures. It is our belief that, **if we had been properly prepared**, the totalitarian powers never would have launched the war. They struck when they did because they knew Britain and America were not prepared. Because the Federal Council was so successful in hamstringing the preparedness program, we maintain that **it should be brought to trial**. Also, we believe it was the height of folly to permit representatives of that Council to be present at the U.N.O. San Francisco peace conference. **We also think that it is about time for all wide-awake Protestants** who are yet in denominations affiliated with the Federal Council to repudiate such blind leaders.

2. Our second main reason for saying that the Federal Council is anti-American is:

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL, THROUGH ITS LEADERS, HAS CHAMPIONED A "NEAR COMMUNISM"

Rev. Carl McIntire in his splendid book, "The Twentieth Century Reformation," has called it a "near communism." We are inclined to believe, however, that in many instances this is an understatement, and that some of the Federal Council's most outstanding leaders are outright communistic.

The communistic activities of the leaders of the Federal Council are only too well known and have been made the special object for investigation by certain well known organizations. The United States Naval Intelligence Department has already been referred to. The Dies Committee gathered evidence concerning the Federal Council's activities. The F.B.I. and the Un-American Activities Committee of the house likewise are not unaware of these activities; and there is, as we said, a possibility, if political pressure is not brought to bear, of an investigation from this source. That so many Government agencies have investigated the Federal Council or contemplate doing so, is strong intimation that something is wrong. The American Women Against Communism did the nation a great service in publishing a chart showing the communistic and like affiliations of sixty of the then most outstanding leaders of the Federal Council. They show in this chart that these leaders belong to sixteen of the most dangerous Communist and Communist-aiding organizations in the country. We mention a few:

The Socialist Party

The only difference between Socialism and Communism is in methods. They both believe in world revolution and are working to that end. The Socialists maintain that it can be brought about largely through education and legislation, while the Communists contend that force must be used.

Twenty-four of the leaders mentioned in this chart belonged to the Socialist Party.

Fellowship of Reconciliation

This is described as a "radical-pacifistic group using Christian terms to spread communistic propaganda."

Twenty-eight Federal Council big-wigs are listed as being identified with this front.

League for Industrial Democracy

"Militant Socialist; for 35 years headed by Robert Morss Lovett, who has been active in communistic organizations ——" "It joined forces with the Communist Party and set up the American Student Union —." Its field secretary is reported as declaring, "I am sometimes ashamed that I am an American. Yes, I am Red —. We must honestly try to abolish the superstition of patriotism."

Thirteen Federal Council leaders were tied up with this subversive agency.

Anti-Dies Committee Block

"A united front of Communists, Socialists, radical clergymen and educators" organized to assail and smear the Dies Committee because it had been exposing the activities of various radicals and subversive organizations, such as the ones mentioned above.

Thirteen Federal Council leaders were connected with this "Block" and lent their aid to the effort being made to prevent and discredit the work of this important government committee.

North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy

Here is an instance where Communists and their fellow travellers use the term democracy to mislead. This committee was organized to spread propaganda and raise money for the Communist forces in Spain. Bishop Francis J. McConnell was chairman of the committee, which, according to records of the State Department, raised millions of dollars for Spain's Reds and their activities.

National Religion and Labor Foundation

"Set up by radicals, in 1932, to propagandize 'the new social order'," to give active cooperation to strikers, at the same time seeking the revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist system. Its directing personnel and National Committee is composed almost exclusively of Socialists and Communists.

Twenty-four leaders and others prominent in the Federal Council were affiliated with this revolutionary movement.

We might go on and mention ten other subversive agencies mentioned in this chart, but time will not permit. Many of the presidents of the Federal Council have belonged to these organizations, including the recent president, Bishop Oxnam. Bishop Francis J. McConnell, president in 1932, is listed as being affiliated with thirteen such organizations. Rev. Albert W. Beaven (1933) was a member of the National Religion and Labor Foundation. Dr. Ivan Lee Holt (1936) defended the Soviet Union, was an Emergency Peace Campaign sponsor, and aided in the raising of money for Communists in Spain. Rev. Edgar Dewitt Jones (1937) was affiliated with the American League for Peace and Democracy, organized by Moscow, and no less a person than Earl Browder admitted that it was a transmission belt for Communist propaganda. Dr. George A. Buttrick (1940) was affiliated with the Fellowship of Reconciliation which is described as a "radical-pacifist group using Christian terms to spread Communist propaganda." He was also an Emergency Peace Campaign signer and aided in the raising of money for Communist forces in Spain. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam (1945) is represented as belonging to the Methodist Federation for Social Service, an organization seeking the abolition "of the profit system." Bishop McConnell was president of this Federation at the time the chart was printed. Bishop Oxnam also is identified with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, War Resisters' League, National Religion and Labor Foundation, American Civil Liberties Union, and the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

These connections and activities of Federal Council presidents show what happens when men reject, as they have, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Having repudiated the Truth, they accept the lie of communism and help propagate it.

There is considerable irony in this deplorable situation. Well meaning people of means have been solicited for funds to finance the activities of these Federal Council leaders, never suspecting that they were

being betrayed. They had no way of knowing that these trusted servants would use this money to finance an attempted overthrow of the capitalist system, with its free enterprise and accompanying rights and blessings, not enjoyed to like degree by any other nation on this earth.

Then too, the rank and file of members in the various denominations comprising the Federal Council do not know that a portion of their church contributions is turned over to that Council and used to help finance its leaders in their attempt to overthrow our present form of government.

Once aware of what is taking place, and how their money is being used, all these contributors must withhold their support; otherwise, they are knowingly aiding and abetting the leaders of the Federal Council in their treasonable acts against church and state. If they continue to support them with their contributions, God most certainly will hold them accountable. So also will every right-thinking person in the nation.

The Federal Council has denied that it is a pacifist or Communist-aiding organization, but in view of the facts, their denials can only be interpreted as an attempt to cover up and deceive the public. It is an established fact that the leaders of the Council have been notorious for their communistic, pacifistic and subversive activities, and that the Council has "meddled incessantly in political affairs, invariably sponsoring the ideals of radical groups," as the Dies Committee proved. In doing so, they had the approval of President Roosevelt, because their aims were quite identical with those of the New Deal — the bringing to pass of a Collectivist State, sometimes called State Socialism. What is more, President Roosevelt protected the Federal Council in its activities and, when made acquainted with the report of the Intelligence Department of the Navy, issued orders that the Army and Navy and official Washington were to make no further revelations concerning the subversive activities of the Federal Council.

But the truth has come out in spite of this muzzling. The church and the nation today are more aware than ever that the Federal Council is a menace to our form of government, our way of life, and as such should be shunned by every true American. Many thousands, because of these things, have broken with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and have come into the American Council because it is opposed to all foreign ideologies as far as this nation is concerned and is contending for the faith, which was once and for all time delivered unto the saints.

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Our Second Main Contention Is:

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IS DEFINITELY ANTI-CHRISTIAN, SEEKING THROUGH ITS LEADERS, PUBLICATIONS, AND ACTIVITIES TO UNDERMINE THE TRUE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND THE WORD OF GOD UPON WHICH IT IS FOUNDED. THE FEDERAL COUNCIL IS AIDING AND ABETTING THE FORCES OF ANTI-CHRIST.

Our reasons for making such a grave charge are as follows:

1. First, the literature dealing with doctrinal matters which the Council has commended and helped circulate, has in the main sponsored the anti-Christian creed of modernism. For the benefit of any who are not informed, by modernism we mean the present-day denials of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith.

One reason why more people have not been aware of this fact is, these modernistic writers have often used Christian terms to disguise their apostate teachings. They use most Christian terminology, but only too often with a meaning not found in the Bible. For instance, they speak of the inspiration of the Scriptures, but they do not mean that all the Bible is inspired and that in its original manuscripts it is inerrant. They mean that its inspiration is about on a par with 'Shakespeare. Again, Christ is referred to as the Son of God, but again they deceive many, for they do not mean by such a designation that He alone is by nature the Eternal Son of God, the equal of God the Father. To these modernists He is no more the Son of God than we are.

The terrible thing is that this deception has been deliberately planned and as such is most despicable. Attention is called to this deception by John A. Hutchison in his critical and historical study of the Council.

This brings to mind a disgraceful thing we witnessed some time ago. A friend we were visiting took to task a seminary student who had called because this student indicated in his remarks that he didn't believe anything. Our friend said to him in substance, "If you don't believe anything, what do you preach in the pulpit?" The student replied to this effect: "Our seminary instructs us when in the pulpit, for the sake of the old folks present who might be disturbed, to pretend to believe in Christian doctrine, but afterwards to take the young folk aside and tell them not to believe any of it."

Do you wonder that my friend's face turned white and his body shook with righteous indignation in the face of such brazenly admitted deceit? We question whether the betrayal of Judas was any worse than this. If the church has gone into apostasy, has lost its power and authority, and is being despised, it isn't to be wondered at when thousands of such rogues occupy modernistic pulpits the world over.

2. Second: Many of the Federal Council's leaders, and in particular many in high positions, have been notorious unbelievers, and open deniers of the faith, brazenly heralding their undisguised unbelief to the whole world. They have gloried in their unbelief, rejoiced in apostasy.

Rev. Carl McIntire, devotes an entire chapter; namely, Chapter 4 in his book "The Twentieth Century Reformation" to this point. We would recommend that all who wish a more comprehensive study of this point procure this book which every Bible-believer should own.

We proceed now to mention some of the Federal Council's leaders and to state their particular unbelief and denial of the faith:

the groups must be sold on the idea of compromise—a willingness to come together whether they agree or not.

Their chief agitator for this "world church" is Dr. E. Stanley Jones, with Bishop Oxnam running him a close second. Both are Methodists. Both are very Red. Unless we miss our guess, neither has anything to lose or give up if such a union takes place. Dr. Jones has, we are told, already laid the ground work for this thing in his communistic effort in India, a land from which he is now barred. We heard a missionary relate that in India, when Dr. Jones observed the Lord's supper, it was his practice at times to invite Hindus, Brahmins, and other pagans to participate. Could anything be more sacrilegious? By so doing he reveals his real aim, not merely the union of all Christian groups but the union of all religions which claim to believe in a God.

Others have been laying the ground work in this country. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, another Methodist, makes evident the purpose of the Federal Council in the following statement: "The Protestant churches must first unite. Then a Catholic Protestant Church could meet the Greek Catholic Church and the Roman Catholic Church and work out a plan for a World Christian Church. That ought to come some day, and we have conferences and groups at work on plans—." Bishop Bromley Oxnam has criticized the Roman Catholic Church, praised the Pope, and advocated union all in the same message.

Now, we would like to see all true believers united, but this isn't what they are proposing. This is something like that disgraceful affair we mentioned a few minutes ago where believers and unbelievers sat down at the Lord's table. Imagine, if you can, the compromise and sacrifice that is going to be demanded of various Protestant denominations, holding in creed if not in practice to the historic Christian faith, before they will be able to merge with Unitarians, Russellites, Adventists, Spiritualists, Christian Scientists, Greek and Roman Catholics? Personally, we can't imagine the Roman Catholic Church doing such a thing. They will approve union if the others all come into the Roman Church, but not otherwise. But suppose such a union did take place. Imagine once again, if this does not overtax your already over-burdened imagination, the confusion, lack of cohesion, and so-called "unity" that would exist in this nauseating ecclesiastical melting pot. Of one thing we are quite certain, and that is that the process would distill out every last vestige of true evangelical Christianity. Modernistic unbelief, dead formalism, and paganism would eventually triumph. The next step in the process would be the worship of the "BEAST," "The Man of Sin" who would most certainly become the unifying force in this apostate ecclesiastical system, leading his devotees into the awful throes and horrible judgments of the Great Tribulation. The Federal Council of Churches, by its present policies, is preparing the way for his manifestation.

CONCLUSION

1. **We conclude our message by first of all summarizing what we have been saying, by restating briefly our two main charges.**

First, the Federal Council of Churches is the avowed enemy of the nation and the American way of life and as such should be shunned by every true American.

Secondly, the Federal Council of Churches is the open avowed enemy of the true Christian faith and as such should be repudiated by every true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. **To be more pointed, since these things are true, once Christians know the facts, they cannot remain in association with the Federal Council without being guilty of treason against the nation and treason against the Lord Jesus. To remain in a denomination which is in the Federal Council, and thereby to be counted as a member of that Council, giving it thereby moral and financial support, is clearly a case of aiding and abetting the enemies of our land and enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

3. **The thing for all true Christians to do who are yet in the Federal Council denominations is to obey the command God has given them in II Corinthians 6:14-1.**

"Stop becoming unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what partnership hath light with darkness?

And what sympathy hath Christ with Satan? or what portion hath he that believeth with an infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Having therefore all these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Literal Translation.

God demands that we separate ourselves from such denominations and have fellowship with and support only those true to the faith.

If you do not know of the location of such churches in your area, write:

**THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
15 Park Row, New York 7, New York**

This Bible-loyal and patriotic organization will be happy to give you information, as will the author who is Secretary of the American Council of Christian Churches

National Constituents of THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

1. Bible Protestant Church
2. Bible Presbyterian Church
3. Southern Methodist Church
4. General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, North (Individual churches approving, nearly 100% members)
5. Independent Fundamental Churches of America
6. Associated Gospel Churches
7. Old (Evangelical) Catholic Church
8. Union of Regular Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec
9. Tioga River Christian Conference
10. Conference of Fundamental Churches
11. United Christian Church
12. National Fellowship of Brethren Churches (in radio matters)
13. Methodist Protestant Church
14. Evangelical Methodist Church
15. Iowa Eldership of the Churches of God in North America (not Pentecostal)

AN INVITATION TO YOU AND TO YOUR CONGREGATION TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL

Though only five years old, the American Council of Christian Churches has fifteen constituent bodies in which are over three thousand congregations and over one million members.

Two reasons account for the fact that informed Christians of discernment and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ desire individual membership in the American Council, why such persons pray and work to see their congregations apply for membership in this organization.

These two reasons are:

First. Because the American Council is exposing the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ, and of the only Gospel which can save man from sin.

The scripture not only *allows* but *positively requires* that those who attack the person of Christ and those who assail His pure Gospel shall be exposed and opposed by all whose profession of devotion to the Christ who died for their sins and rose again is a sincere and heart reality. The Bible is filled with illustrations both in the Old and New Testaments of Prophets and Apostles who singled out the enemies of their God to withstand them. It was to the glory of God, and surely for the benefit of His people, who might otherwise have been misled, that their resounding warnings were given. The watchman upon the walls is to give the alarm at the first evidence of the approach of hostile forces. The sheep of the Lord Jesus Christ, even if it costs the lives of Christ's faithful under-shepherds (and it has often cost that) are to be protected from wolves. Christ informs us that there will be many wolves in sheep's clothing, many false prophets, emissaries of Satan coming in the guise of angels of light.

Of course some decry this service of the American Council as being "unfortunately negative." Often the negative service is the greatest conceivable positive benefit. To strike from a man's hand the deadly, poisonous liquid he is innocently about to drink, believing it to be helpful for his malady, is a negative service. Nothing of positive food value has been contributed to his system, nothing of medicinal worth given him. However, the man's life has been saved, if what he was about to drink would have brought death. Twenty-five million Protestants in America, supporting the apostate and near-Communist Federal Council leadership, must be given the facts. Assuredly, the modernist and near-Communist leaders of their denominations may never be expected to concede the iniquity they have led their followers into supporting. When the people have these facts, true believers in large numbers will renounce the Federal Council with all their strength, and, at the same time they depart its membership, they will throw in their strength to make mightier throughout America and the world the testimony of the American Council.

Second. Because God is using the American Council to obtain outstanding advantages for the progress of the pure Gospel of Christ throughout the world.

These are but a few:

1. *Radio.* Complimentary nation-wide radio broadcasts are each year granted the American Council. The Federal Council's Protestant monopoly in radio has been broken. As the American Council membership shows sharp increase, top radio officials have given assurance that corresponding increase of radio time will be forthcoming. This time is never used, not a minute of it, to propagandize for the American Council. Every valuable moment is employed to present Bible

messages which call lost sinners to repentance and acceptance of Christ as Saviour; which strengthen believers in their Christian faith while leading them to more fruitful service for Christ.

2. *The Chaplaincy.* With numerous chaplains in the late war notorious for no saving message, and some of them hurtful in their ungodly example before the men, it was a happy day for thousands in the armed services, when the American Council succeeded in its battle to gain chaplaincy recognition by the Government. Each chaplain who served in World War II under the American Council banner was faithful to the Gospel by life and message. Should another war burst upon us (though God forbid) within the next five years, by that time the Christians of America should so rally to the support of the American Council that many hundreds of chaplains would be the American Council's quota.

3. *Foreign Missions.* The American Council is continuing its struggle to accomplish the end of an anti-Protestant policy on the part of some countries where it is extremely difficult to gain admission for a new Protestant missionary.

4. *The Battle for Freedom.* The American Council continues to provide the outstanding rallying point for all Protestants in America who recognize that the leadership, objectives, motives, and goals of Communism are clearly atheistic: anti-Bible, anti-God, anti-Christ. The menace to all freedoms America has enjoyed for many years is not *imagined*, but *real*. It is a menace which calls for action: united, swift, sustained and increasing. It demands no less than the speedy uprising of millions of Protestants who are anti-Communist, if we are to bequeath to our children and theirs the freedom which can be so easily lost by continued indifference. To lose to Socialism or Communism the outpost of economic freedom and private ownership will go far toward losing simultaneously, or shortly thereafter, the outpost of political freedom. Should these two outposts capitulate to the enemies of the Bible, which is of course the charter of all our freedoms, surely a total eclipse of religious freedom would seem almost inevitable.

For these reasons, and many others which might be cited if space allowed, we believe that you who read these lines will wish to apply to become an individual member of the American Council of Christian Churches, and that you will work and pray to see that the congregation to which you adhere will likewise apply for membership as a congregation.

If you would like to assist in a financial way in the expansion of this witness, so important to America and to the world, certainly such participation will be appreciated. If you wish additional literature, may we not hear from you?

If you wish an application card for Individual Membership, please write. However, in doing so, be sure to indicate your denominational affiliation and whether or not you are in a denomination belonging to the Federal Council.

Those in Federal Council congregations are invited to Auxiliary Membership.

Those having no association with any Federal Council denomination are invited to Constituent Membership.

Above all, will you not pray that God may be glorified through the work of the American Council and of every individual comprising its membership?

May 18, 1950

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Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your letter dated May 12, 1950, with enclosure.

For your information the FBI is strictly an investigative, fact-finding agency and it is not within its jurisdiction to draw conclusions or state opinions.

I regret, therefore, that I cannot be of assistance to you in regard to the inquiry in your communication. I would also like to point out that the files of the FBI are confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reason for this rule and draw no inference that we do or do not have information in our files because of my inability to assist you.

I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Statement in the N. Y. Times, Before the Subcommittee on Foreign Relations, and Before the Committee on Un-American Activities.
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May 29, 1950

J. Edgar Hoover
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

① Found Council of Churches

A Pamphlet, "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches," has come to my observation. This article was published by the American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Ave. Madison, Wis.

The article makes some startling accusations against the Federal Council of Churches. I would like to have the proof that this organization is pro-Communist. What about its leaders etc. If it is true this organization does foster Communism, doesn't our government do something in other words, is this article, or is it propaganda?

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I am a member of the Baptist Church and my church is affiliated

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With the Northern Baptist Convention
and it is a part of the Federal Council.
I tell you this to show you why I
am so interested.

This article quotes you as saying,
"I confess to a real apprehension, so
long as communists are able to
secure ministers of the gospel to
promote their evil work."

Was this an utterance against
the "Federal Council" or all ministers
in general who are not dedicated
to the cause of Christ and the
welfare of their country.

Mr. Hoover, I realize that there
are many things you cannot divulge;
but I certainly would like any and
all information you can give me.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 29, 1950 has been received.

Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request for information, I wish to advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau to hold its files confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have data in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

In view of the above noted limitation concerning information in our files, it will, of course, not be possible for me to answer your inquiry. It is a pleasure, however, to enclose a copy of my article in which appeared the statement quoted in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 3, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just received a letter from [redacted]
and I quote:

"Another report I have recently heard
of is 'How Red is the Federal Council'
which I understand is a report from
J. Edgar Hoover, and I would like to
get a copy if they are available."

I will appreciate your sending me a copy of the
report [redacted] wishes.

Thanking you, I remain with best wishes

Most sincerely

Edwin A Hall

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June 8, 1950

Honorable Edwin Arthur Hall
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter dated June 3, has been received and I appreciate your bringing to my attention the quoted portion of a letter directed to you by [redacted] that I

am not the author of the report to which he refers. You may also wish to point out to him that the FBI is a fact-finding agency, and its jurisdiction does not extend to the classification of individuals or organizations as being subversive on the basis of information obtained by this Bureau in discharging our authorized responsibilities.

For your information, I am informed that a pamphlet was issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison 1, Wisconsin, under the title "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" for which a 1949 copyright was claimed. The pamphlet attributed to me the statement "I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work." This, of course, is a brief quotation of an excerpt from my statement given before the Committee on Un-American Activities in the House of Representatives on March 26, 1947. On that occasion my remarks included the statement "I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism." In this connection I am enclosing two copies of my statement, and you will note that the partial quotation is based on my remarks appearing on Page 12.

If this Bureau can be of assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to call upon us. With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,
Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure 2 copies of Director's 1947 testimony before the Un-American Activities Committee

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